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Oil Talks Nearing Breakdown Point

Teheran, Aug. 19.

The Anglo-Persian oil talks were tonight considered near the breakdown point after another inconclusive meeting of the delegates had broken up in confusion today, 60 minutes after it began.

The delegates met at the Shah's summer palace outside Teheran to discuss Persia's reply—reported to be a rejection—to the eight-point solution proposed by Mr Richard Stokes, the leader of the British mission and Britain's Lord Privy Seal.

In the Majlis (Parliament) simultaneously deputies of all sides attacked the British proposals and warned the Prime Minister, Dr Mohammed Mossadegh, not to accept them.

They attacked the Premier for conducting "secret negotiations" and demanded that he get the Majlis to report on them.

The Speaker of the Chamber said that he would ask the Premier to make a report to a secret session of Parliament on Thursday.

After today's meeting the Persian delegates had been due to remain at the palace for lunch with Mr Stokes. Instead, they left immediately after the meeting for the Premier's house. They remained there for two hours, discussing the situation with Dr Mossadegh, who was propped up on pillows in bed.

For several hours today the delegates of both sides said that there might be a meeting later in the day. But a British official spokesman said tonight that there would be no meeting tonight.

Father Of Seven Regrets

Vico Valentia, South Italy, Aug. 19.

Luigi Prestinenzi, the local barber, who is already the father of three children and now the sire of quads born in this remote, fly-infested little town declared today: "If I imagined such a thing could happen I would have remained a bachelor."

Prestinenzi is finding his increased family responsibilities a burden hardly bearable. "Life was hard before," he lamented. "Now it is desperate."

The quads, three boys and a girl, were born on Wednesday to Prestinenzi's wife, Marina. Mother and babies were stated to be doing well.

The first action that the stunned father took when the news was broken to him was to ask for help from the local authorities. But so far he has not received any money. He declared: "Everybody wishes me luck. But wishes are not enough. I need money urgently."

MUKDEN FLOODED

London, Aug. 19.

Mukden Radio reported tonight that part of the Manchurian city was under water and more than 40,000 people were homeless as a result of the overflowing of the Laoho River after seven days of rain. Serious damage had been done in the areas north of Mukden, the Radio said, and relief was being rushed by air and sea. —Reuter.

Duke Greets Emir Feisal



The Duke of Gloucester greets the Emir Feisal, Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister, on his arrival at Northolt airport recently. The Arabian prince was on a ten-day official visit to Britain, during which time he had interviews with Mr Herbert Morrison. —AP Picture.

NO PROGRESS BEING MADE AT KAESONG

Tokyo, Aug. 20.

The Korean armistice agreement seemed to be remote as ever today after three unrewarding sessions of Allied and Communist shirt-sleeved negotiators.

Major-General Henry Hodes, chief of the Allied half of the joint sub-committee, expressed his blunt sentiment as to the Communist attitude after Sunday's 90-minute meeting—the shortest yet. His statements were censored in dispatches from Korea. But correspondents there interpreted them to mean that the meeting was fruitless.

An official spokesman cautioned that Gen. Hodes' remarks were his "immediate reaction," as if to say that they were not diplomatic.

Despite the sudden switch from tempered type to sharply sharpened pessimism, the sub-committee is prepared to sit down for the fourth round of talks in Kaesong at 1 a.m. GMT Monday (10 a.m. Hongkong time).

As if to underscore the gloomy reports, Allied troops attacked in key sectors to strengthen their positions. The attacks set off the heaviest fighting since the armistice talks began.

At the same time, Red Air Force sailed into Korea for the second straight day to fight furious battles with United States jets and Premier Kim Il-sung, threatened to unleash the Chinese Air Force if the Allies tried to "extend the war."

AIR BATTLE

Backing up Kim's threat, almost 50 Communist MIG-15s prowled from behind their Yalu River sanctuary on Sunday and clashed with UN jets. The Chinese Communist Air Force is estimated at a close to 1,000 planes, half of which perhaps are MIG-15s.

The seemingly cordial and agreeable atmosphere which marked the first two meetings of the sub-committee was absent yesterday. No laughter was heard from the conference room where the delegates worked over maps on the round table.

United Press correspondent Peter Kalischer reported from Kaesong that the informality of the round table talks which was to have brought both sides closer together has only permitted them to say the same things more pointedly and less politely.

The armistice talks appeared to be building rapidly to a climax.

If the sub-committee fails to reach an agreement, there is little chance that the full delegation will make another effort.

The unofficial "Voice of the United Nations Command" said in a broadcast that the Communists have been ordered "one last chance" to show whether they meant to bargain in good faith.

The broadcast said on Sunday the fact that the Communists agreed to reply to the sub-committee proposal indicates

HURRICANE HEADING FOR MEXICO

Death & Destruction In Jamaica

Miami, Florida, Aug. 19.

A "large and dangerous" hurricane churned across the Caribbean Sea toward Mexico today, leaving scores of dead and thousands homeless on the battered tropical island of Jamaica.

The hurricane, 120 miles wide, bore down on the Mexican coastal states of Yucatan and Quintana Roo at a speed of about 130 miles an hour. The centre was expected to strike the high bluffs of Quintana Roo, about 1,000 miles due east of Mexico City, before midnight.

"This is now a very large and dangerous hurricane. Extreme caution is advised," said the Weather Bureau.

United Press correspondent Charles Noland, who flew to Kingston, Jamaica, to get first-hand knowledge of the terrific damage in the British West Indies island, said death and destruction were widespread throughout the resort playground.

An estimated 50 were killed throughout the island with 15 dead counted in Kingston, the capital. The Governor said hundreds were injured and the Red Cross appealed to the outside world for food, clothing and medicine. A British frigate is due here, rushing supplies from Barbados, another island in the West Indies.

It was the "worst storm ever to hit the island," said the British Governor, Mr Hugh Foot. He added that there were at least 25 deaths in the Kingston area.

The Governor and a Kingston newspaper, after scanning reports coming from all parts of the island, placed the death toll at 54. The island is still without communications but the Governor said damage was confined principally to the Southern part. He said the Northern part of the island suffered "very light damage."

house in the poorest sections of the town escaped serious damage. The streets were littered. Only the downtown streets were cleared. The bus service was restored today but many detours were necessary in outlying areas. —United Press.

Ironically, buzzards perched on high points throughout the city as the dead were being tabulated. Seventy-six prisoners, who gained freedom when the terrific winds of the storm blew down the walls of the island penitentiary, were still at large. This was of some concern to the authorities, who are trying to clear up and prevent looting.

Bob Festland, Miami salesman and one of the first to reach Kingston from the northern part of the island, said he had seen Linda Darnell there the night before and she was "perfectly safe."

The Governor said the death toll might rise with reports from the interior, but he termed it "surprisingly light," adding, "This was due to first-rate warning. Almost everyone on the island knew about it in advance."

ONE MORE MYSTERY

London, Aug. 19.

British police pathologists, called in to investigate 10 violent deaths in the past month, had another Sunday mystery on their hands today.

Nearly all the recent cases—eight of them have been planned down to murder—were discovered at weekends.

Experts were trying to determine whether a woman found in a Nottingham wheatfield died a natural death. They believed that she was a cook, Hilda Edwards, who vanished on July 30.

Last Sunday they were busy with the discovery of a murdered night-watchman near Manchester and a body on a Welsh beach. The previous day an 84-year-old woman was found stabbed to death in London.

The police are also hunting for the murderers of a middle-aged Nottingham woman and two little girls at Windsor. Both arrests have been made in two other child murder cases and for the killing of a school headmistress. —Reuter.

HUNDREDS INJURED

The Governor's life busy at the Red Cross centre said hundreds were injured and thousands homeless.

Late today electricity was restored in a few parts of the city. Part of Kingston is still without water and no island telephones are functioning. An excess of tropical fruits knocked down by the high winds is expected to alleviate the food shortage, but the Governor pointed out that the food situation could become serious in a week or so.

Kingston's poor people were the hardest hit. Hardy

HARBOUR A MESS

Noland said the harbour was a mess. Several ships—had capsized, run aground or were badly damaged in the harbour of Port Royal. The airport at Kingston was a "collapsed jungle" of wreckage.

The huge sugar crop on the island was not affected, the Governor, Mr Hugh Foot, said, but Jamaica's rich banana crop took a bad beating.

After hitting the island and taking a passing swipe at the British Colony of Grand Cayman, the hurricane gained steam as it rumbled across the Caribbean Sea. The old pirates' stronghold of Port Royal was "pretty well written off the map," the Governor said, with only six of some 200 houses left standing.

The most pathetic story, according to Noland, was that of a retired British officer, Captain Godfrey Creven. His Icelandic wife, their four-year-old daughter and the daughter's playmate were crushed by a brick wall as they ran outside their crumbling home. The mother was found with the two children clasped to her bosom.

KINGSTON CUT OFF

Because Kingston was cut off from the rest of Jamaica, information on the situation elsewhere on the island was slow to arrive. United Press correspondent James Cook flew through the storm with a crew of Navy hurricane hunters.

"My stomach felt like a freshly-shaken cocktail," said Cook. He said the plane was bounced out of the hurricane's northeast edge after exploring the violent winds inside it.

Le Bill McChes, biologist from Ashland, Alabama, said it was the "biggest of seven hurricanes I have flown into and charted."

The plane was piloted by Lt. Ralph Bishop and Captain R. Drouth, commanding officer of the Navy Hurricane Centre in Miami, was aboard. Other planes charted the hurricane's course from San Juan, Puerto Rico. —United Press.

CLEANING UP

Full-scale clean-up operations were under way today in this tourist city, still reeling from a terrific hurricane which left at least 54 dead and caused damage as high as \$6,000,000.

DISASTER AT STADIUM

Tokyo, Aug. 20.

Three people were killed and more than 300 others injured when 35,000 baseball spectators stampeded Sunday afternoon a fire broke out at the Chunichi Stadium, Nagoya City.

The fire started in the centre of the main stand and destroyed the whole wooden stadium and several automobiles parked outside.

Police said they thought discarded cigarettes may have caused the blaze, Kyodo reported.

The baseball game was called off in the last half of the third inning because of the fire. —Associated Press.

Four Killed In Explosion

Singapore, Aug. 20.

At least four of the crew of the British tanker Dromus were killed by an explosion aboard the vessel near here today.

A number of others, including many labourers, are missing and three men are in hospital with serious burns.

Four hours after the explosion firemen were still fighting fierce fires on the bridge, amidships and in the forecabin. —Reuter.

Vain Effort To Save Girl's Life

Opole, Aug. 19.

The nine-year-old Portuguese girl, Branca Maria Santos, for whom supplies of a precious new drug "Varidase" were flown from the United States, died today.

The girl, who had spinal meningitis, was given varidase treatment on August 8 as a last hope of saving her life. The drug was sent across the Atlantic by a Portuguese amateur radio operator whose broadcast was picked up by an American radio amateur. —Reuter.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

The Persian Oil Dispute

EARLIER optimism over the prospects of the Persian Government finding Mr Richard Stokes' proposals for settling the old dispute acceptable has had to give way to misgivings. The Persians, apparently, have decided to dig in their toes for a bargain that would place Britain wholly at a disadvantage. Mr Stokes, on the other hand, has said he will not bargain on his fundamental proposals: that they represent the best offer he can make. Thus a deadlock exists, and with it an increasing danger that the negotiations will break down. A study of Mr Stokes' eight-point plan for a settlement of the dispute makes sympathetic appreciation of the Persian attitude difficult, if not impossible. The British proposals concede so much, and seek so little. They admit, in principle, the right of the Persian Government to nationalise its oil industry; they provide for the elimination in Persia of the existing Anglo-Iranian Oil Company and transference of its Persian assets to the Government; they suggest the creation of a National Iranian Oil Company to operate the industry and to market oil within Persia. The only concession sought is that Britain be permitted to market Persia's oil overseas on a profit-making basis. Nor is this proposal prompted by avarice. Mr Stokes has gone to considerable pains to explain to the Persians the intricacies of world marketing of oil and has fully demonstrated the necessity of having this operation carried out by experts who have been trained by long experience in the business. The Persians do not possess personnel with adequate qualifications, whereas Britain does. Iran would have to look for outside assistance in this activity, and it is to be presumed that only petty political influences are making Dr Mossadegh and his associates hesitate to accept Mr Stokes' offer. Members of the Government appear to fear that any British association with Iran's oil industry,

even as an overseas marketing agent, implies British political interference in Persia's internal affairs. Mr Stokes has frequently during the current negotiations given categorical assurances that there are no grounds for this apprehension. Quite frankly he has said that he is making a straightforward commercial proposition, with no political strings attached, and this is made transparently clear in his enunciation of the four principles guiding the British proposals, as well as in the eight-point plan. Behind the equivocations of Dr Mossadegh can be discerned the threatening influence of the extremists both in the Majlis and the newly-created Persian Oil Commission. These elements, quite obviously, are determined to prevent any agreement being reached, if that is possible, and the danger is that ailing Dr Mossadegh will not prove himself strong enough to resist their machinations. The voice of Mr Averell Harriman, President Truman's special envoy, has now been thrown into the discussions in support of Mr Stokes' proposals, but whether it is sufficient to counteract the heavy pressure being brought to bear on the Persian negotiators by nationalist fanatics is a matter of considerable doubt. Also difficult to assess is the importance of the Shah in the current negotiations; whether he can persuade his Minister to an attitude of sweet reasonableness, or whether he remains an unhelpful figurehead. One ray of hope exists: the discussions have not yet completely broken down, and the announcement that publication of the Persian reply to the British proposals has been postponed, may mean that an agreement can yet be reached. But the Persians must realise that there is little, if any room, for further concessions from Mr Stokes, and that unless they are prepared to accept the basic British proposals, the chances of a settlement are remote in the extreme.

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Abdullah Murder Trial

SECRET MEETING
OF PLOTTERS
NEAR JERUSALEM

Amman, Aug. 19.

A secret meeting outside Jerusalem to plan the assassination of King Abdullah of Jordan three days before the King was killed was described in court here today at the resumed trial of 10 men for complicity in the murder.

Mahmud Shaq Antebli, who turned King's evidence, said that he had not told the Police about it because he had been threatened with death if he divulged the secret. He had been asked at the meeting to throw a grenade to create confusion and enable the assassin to escape.

He was first approached to take a part in the plot six or seven months ago and was offered a thousand dinars, but refused, he told the court.

Antebli was in the witness box more than an hour and gave direct testimony against five of the accused.

He said that Dr Musa Abdullah Hussein (a political opponent of the ex-Mufti) approached him three days before the King was killed. On that day Dr Musa Hussein, with Abdul Kadir Farhat, a Jerusalem coffee house keeper, and Abd Abedq Okke, a Jerusalem cattle merchant, all now on trial, met Antebli on the outskirts of Jerusalem.

Dr Musa told Antebli of their decision to kill Abdullah and, according to Antebli, told him that Father Abraham Ayyad, a Franciscan friar, and Dr Daud Hussein, a former dentist, were in the plot.

Antebli was assigned the duty of throwing a grenade in the open space the Al Aqsa Mosque immediately after the shooting of the King "to enable the assassin to escape in the confusion."

DEATH THREAT

Asked why he had not informed the Police after the meeting on the outskirts of Jerusalem, Antebli said he had been told that if he gave away the secret, he would be put to death. He added that he had not been told that Mustafa Ushq had been chosen to murder the King.

Antebli said he had first known Dr Daud Hussein as one of those at the meeting in 1948 during the Arab-Jewish fighting, when Dr Hussein was Inspector-General of the Jihad Muqaddas (Holy Warriors), a military formation.

The acquaintance continued as after the organisation was disbanded it owed Antebli \$203 in pay, most of which was still owing, Antebli said. The last time he had visited Dr Daud Hussein in Jericho was six or seven months ago, when he went to demand a settlement.

Dr Hussein complained that the country's condition was extremely bad. "The King must be got rid of and we will

pay you a thousand dinars," he said.

Antebli told the court he refused this offer, telling the doctor, "But first we must eat to live and I have four daughters to care for."

EX-CONVICT

Cross-examined, Antebli admitted that he had been in prison from October 29, 1939, serving a life sentence until he was freed at the end of the British mandate when all prisoners were liberated at the end of 1947.

Antebli said he had known Abdq Okke since the latter was his chief in a terrorist organisation formed in 1937 by the Arab Higher Committee with headquarters in Damascus. The Prosecution then read a confession made by Zakariya Okke, Jerusalem cattle merchant and brother of Abdq Okke, in which he admitted procuring jointly with Abdq Okke the revolver with which the assassin shot the King. The confession also said that he had been assigned to throw a hand grenade after the shooting.

He knew that various sums had been paid to his brother Abdq Okke by Dr Musa Hussein, 90 dinars on one occasion and 50 dinars on another. —Reuter.

Premier To
Work On
The Farm

Budapest, Aug. 19.

The Hungarian Prime Minister, M. Istvan Dobi, announced today that he will join a collective farm in his home village.

M. Dobi, the head of the Hungarian Smallholders Party, announced his decision on the second anniversary of the constitution of the People's Republic of Hungary.

Writing in Szabad Nep, the official organ of the Hungarian Workers (Communist) Party, he said that he was led to this step by the "deep impression" gained on visits to the Soviet Union, where he saw the growing prosperity of the Soviet Caucasus.

A further contributing factor, M. Dobi said, was the progress made by the collective farms of Hungary during the current harvest.

M. Dobi, himself of "working peasant" origin, owned about two acres before the land reform and was given several more in 1945.

The number of agricultural co-operatives from collective farms was given officially as 4,250 last May with a membership of close to 200,000 peasant families. At that time the land owned by collectives was slightly higher than 13 per cent of the total arable land. —Reuter.

Royal Family
In Scotland

The Royal Family are now holidaying at Balmoral Castle in Scotland. This picture, taken on their arrival at Balmoral Station, shows the King (in kilts on left) trying to attract the attention of Princess Anne who has turned to admirers at the back. The Queen holds Prince Charles by the hand, and on right is Lord Aberdeen.

Conference Plans
African Defence

London, Aug. 19.

Delegates from seven European and African nations gathered in Nairobi, Kenya, tonight to begin mapping plans for the defence of Africa—key link in the Western strategy and home of the world's largest uranium mines.

France, Belgium, Italy, Portugal and Southern Rhodesia answered a call for the defence of Africa by Britain and the Union of South Africa to attend the conference, and the United States sent observers.

Egypt refused to participate because of the dispute with Britain over British troops in the Suez Canal zone and the British opposition to Egyptian annexation of the Sudan.

Africa's strategic importance for Western defence was illustrated by its role in World War II as the springboard for the Allied invasion of Italy and Sicily. Efforts since have been made to develop the continent. But poor communications have hampered both troop and supply movement and economic development. Already, the uranium mines of the Belgian Congo are the world's largest.

The conference here plans to draw up a blueprint for a joint network of communications in eastern and central Africa and the development of port facilities and telegraph, telephone and radio communications.

The United States has shown growing interest in the development of Africa and its strategic importance.

American bomber bases have been established in North Africa and three American observers are at the conference. They are headed by Mr Angus Ward, United States Consul in Nairobi, and include Army Colonel John Davies and Air

Force Colonel Edwin Bland Jr., from the United States Embassy in South Africa.

BRITISH DELEGATES

The British delegation consists of 20 members led by Lord Ogmore, Minister of Civil Aviation. The Ministry of Defence, the three Armed Services, the Ministries of Transport and of Colonies are represented.

Last year, a 20-year agreement was concluded between Britain, Portugal and Southern Rhodesia with American financial assistance to develop the port of Beira and the Beira railway in Mozambique, Portuguese East Africa. It was the first big step toward the improvement of African communications and will supplement the existing railways and roads. It provided for the doubling of the Beira railway and the construction of a rail link from central Southern Rhodesia to Beira and Lourenco Marques in Mozambique. A railway line already connects the Belgian Congo with Rhodesia through Elizabethville and Lusaka to Victoria Falls on the West African coast where it connects with a rail line across Rhodesia and Mozambique to Beira on the Indian Ocean.

In addition, there is a trans-African highway usable for motor traffic from Capetown to Algiers on the North African coast. From Algiers, it runs to Kano in Nigeria through Fort Lamy in French Equatorial Africa to Stanleyville in the Belgian Congo and Nairobi and turns sharply south through Tanganyika, Rhodesia, South Africa, to Capetown. —United Press.

BRITAIN'S ELEVENTH-HOUR BID
Effort To Break Anglo-Egyptian DeadlockMorrison Urges Cairo To
Reconsider The Position

Cairo, Aug. 19.

The Egyptian Cabinet's Inner Council is to meet next Wednesday to discuss Britain's Foreign Secretary, Mr Herbert Morrison's, "eleventh-hour" bid to break the deadlock in Anglo-Egyptian relations.

The British Minister to Egypt, Mr M. J. Creswell, yesterday handed the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Salah El Din Pasha, two personal messages from Mr Morrison.

One was for the Foreign Minister and the other for the Premier, Nahas Pasha.

It is understood that Mr Morrison reviewed the international situation and described it as "fraught with real dangers," particularly in the Middle East.

It is believed that he urged the Egyptian leaders to reconsider the whole position, while there was still room for a settlement between the two countries.

Wednesday's momentous meeting will be presided over by Nahas Pasha. It will be attended by the Minister of the Interior, Fawzi Serag El Din Pasha, the "Strong Man" of the Wafd Government, who returned from a European tour today, the Foreign Minister, and the Minister in charge of Sudan affairs, Mr Ibrahim Farag Pasha.

Diplomatic observers here believe that there will be no immediate treaty abrogation—at least not until King Farouk returns from his Mediterranean honeymoon.

There is a practically unanimous view in responsible political circles that unless one party or the other does something to relieve the present tension—and quickly—then the situation will deteriorate. That would lead to results the nature of which nobody ventures to foresee.

DOMESTIC CRISIS

A no less serious factor, in the opinion of political observers, is the domestic crisis, which has lately been brewing over the ever-rising cost of living, and open criticism of the Administration and the increasing Government control over public liberties.

The Egyptian Government mouthpiece newspaper, Al Misri, said today: "It is learned from a responsible source that the statement to be made in Parliament before the end of this month announcing the breaking off of the Anglo-Egyptian negotiations, will make no mention of the abrogation of the 1936 Treaty and the 1899 Condominium, or the positive steps to be taken for the realisation of Egypt's national aspirations."

Al Misri explained this by saying that the Egyptian Government cannot complete its study of the legislation needed to a treaty abrogation before the end of the present Parliamentary session.

Al Misri added: "At the worst, Salah El Din Pasha will announce the breaking off of the negotiations and, if necessary, an extraordinary sitting of Parliament will be called to consider the Government's final decision on this question."

POSSIBLE ACTION

The breathing space thus gained is calculated to help both parties to make a genuine effort to get out of the present impasse, the paper said.

The Egyptian Press is speculating on what would follow any eventual abrogation of the treaty. The newspaper Al Ahram says that in the event of a showdown Egypt would declare the British garrison stationed in the Suez Canal Zone an "enemy force," withdrawing the Egyptian labourers in the camps and cutting off food and water supplies.

Such an action would not be likely to have an immediate effect on the British garrison, which is largely self-sufficient, but the resulting situation would be "fugly," the paper added. —Reuter.

VISITS CANCELLED

Cairo, Aug. 19. The Egyptian Foreign Ministry today described a proposed British naval visit as "incompatible with the present circumstances."

A visit by two Egyptian frigates to Gibraltar, had been cancelled for the same reason, a spokesman said here.

Britain planned to send a naval squadron to Alexandria and Port Said but cancelled the visit last Monday because Egypt did not notify agreement in time for the administrative arrangements to be made. —Reuter.

Royal Navy
Re-Disposes
Warships

Basra, Aug. 19.

The British naval forces in the Persian Gulf—the biggest in the area since the war—are being re-disposed, it was reported here today.

The cruiser Euryalus, which has been standing by off Abadan, has cancelled a two-day visit to Mina, near Kuwait, on the north-west coast of the Persian Gulf, to take on stores from the fleet auxiliary, Fort Duquesne, which is expected to arrive at Abadan on Tuesday.

Euryalus will be joined tomorrow at her present anchorage by the destroyer Chivalrous, of the 1st Destroyer Flotilla, which arrive here recently from the Mediterranean.

Other destroyers now in the Persian Gulf are the destroyers Chequers, Chieftain and Chevron.

The frigate Wren and some store ships are also there.

Commodore A. H. Wallis, Senior Naval Officer, Persian Gulf Command, who planned to visit Basra, will remain on Euryalus.

The frigate Wild Goose, of the Persian Gulf Division, arrived from the headquarters of the Gulf of Basra during the week-end to join the tank-landing-ship Dieppe. —Reuter.

ALLEGATIONS
BY REDS

London, Aug. 19.

A British Committee which sponsored a delegation to the Berlin Communist Youth Festival wrote to the Foreign Secretary, Mr Herbert Morrison, today alleging that American authorities in Austria had kept young British girls without food, water or sanitation for 15 hours.

The letter, from the Communist-sponsored British Youth Festival Preparatory Committee, was a reply to the long Foreign Office statement yesterday on the "difficulties" encountered in Austria by some young British delegates to the Berlin Festival.

The letter which the Committee sent today asked for an impartial tribunal "in the interests of truth and the right of freedom of travel by British subjects." —Reuter.

MINISTER MADE
A SENATOR

Tehran, Aug. 19.

The Persian Minister of Justice, Mr Ali Heyat, resigned today because he has been made a Senator by the Shah. Half the Persian Senate's 60 members are elected and the other half are appointed by the Shah.

They cannot hold a Ministerial post. Mr Ali Heyat's successor is not yet known. —Reuter.

America Wide
Open To An
Atomic Attack

Washington, Aug. 19.

America's Civil Defence Administrator, Mr Millard Caldwell, said today that not one city in the United States "has even approached the point where it could withstand an atomic attack now."

The armed forces, he added in a radio talk, would not be able to supply adequate protection against an atom bomb attack on the United States.

Mr Caldwell said that his organisation had "done the basic necessary planning and we have the basic organisation" for effective civil defence work in an emergency.

It was only about one-fifth of the preparation needed. He called for \$5 million volunteer workers in the civil defence programme and more money from Congress to carry out the programme.

Mr Caldwell is fighting an 88 per cent cut voted by the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee in his funds for this fiscal year.

The Committee reduced the amount from \$535-million to \$86 million, saying that Mr Caldwell had no "realistic" plan for civilian defence.

GERM WARFARE

Should an attack come from the air, "70 out of every 100 planes that Russia would launch against us would get through to the target," Mr Caldwell said.

He warned that there was also "the possibility of submarine-launched A-bombs and biological warfare."

Democrat Senator Lister Hill said today: "It will not be long before American fighting planes would carry atomic missiles."

Mr Hill, a member of the Sub-Committee, told a reporter that he believed atomic warheads had now been reduced in size to the point where they could be used as aerial artillery.

Mr Hill said that he would urge the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the acting Defence Secretary, Mr Robert Lovett, to reach early agreement on an increase in air power. —Reuter.

Sequel To
West Point
Scandal

New York, Aug. 19.

The New York Criminal and Civil Courts Bar Association announced today that it has asked President Truman to assure the 90 ousted West Point cadets that their discharge is not final and will be reviewed impartially in Washington.

Mr Robert Daru, general counsel of the Association's committee on justice, said the request was sent to Mr Truman yesterday. He said the Association wants to make sure that the 90 alleged cribbers have not been irrevocably dismissed on the basis of the judgments of the review boards at West Point and will be afforded further consideration.

The men were ousted because they allegedly participated in a cheating system under which information on examinations was passed on by men who had taken them to cadets in later quiz sections at the academy. —United Press.

Rival Camps
Clash

The Hague, Aug. 19.

Ambonese families from Indonesia living in a camp at Den Helder near here today attacked another camp.

Police, attracted by the noise, stopped the fighting, sent three seriously injured men to hospital, and found a hand grenade and an assortment of knives and knuckle-dusters. —Reuter.

RANGOON
WARNING
TO U.S.

Rangoon, Aug. 19.

"New Light", leading Rangoon newspaper, said today that the relations between Asia and the United States will undergo an "unpleasant change" if an unpopular Japanese Peace Treaty is forced on unwilling parties.

The Burmese language paper often reflects the opinion of the Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League, backbone of the Government. It said the American stand on the Treaty is motivated by what is called a self-appointed leadership in saving the world from Communism. But the paper said many Asian nations consider "justice and fair play" equally important.

The journal predicted failure of next month's conference in San Francisco "in the context of the presently prevailing situation."

In inviting nations that fought Japan to the conference, the United States said the meeting would be mainly to sign the "final" draft of the Treaty it circulated earlier this month, not a gathering to re-open negotiations on the Treaty. —Associated Press.

PERSIA ACCEPTS
London, Aug. 19.

Persia has accepted the American invitation to take part in the San Francisco conference on the Japanese peace treaty, Tehran Radio said today.

She would be represented by her Consul in Japan and others whose names would be announced later, the broadcast added. —Reuter.

Output In
America A
New Record

Washington, Aug. 20.

The country's total output of goods and services swelled to a record \$320,000,000,000 a year volume in the second quarter of this year, the Commerce Department reported on Sunday.

This reflected a nearly 20 per cent increase in overall output in the first 12 months of the Korean war—as measured in dollar value. But the figures were inflated somewhat by higher prices, making the speed-up seem greater than it actually was.

The rate of gain was slackening, too, for the April-May-June quarter produced only \$7,000,000,000 of the \$95,000,000,000 annual rate which occurred in the entire 12 months following the outbreak of the Korean war.

The report said the \$7,000,000,000 "increase" stemmed wholly from the gathering momentum of the National Defence Programme.

In the preceding three-quarters, Defence had had only a minor share of the increase.

While combined Federal, State and local government outlay for goods and services rose from an annual rate of \$63,000,000,000 in the first quarter to \$90,000,000,000 in the second, consumer purchases dropped from \$208.2 billion to \$201.7 billion. —Associated Press.

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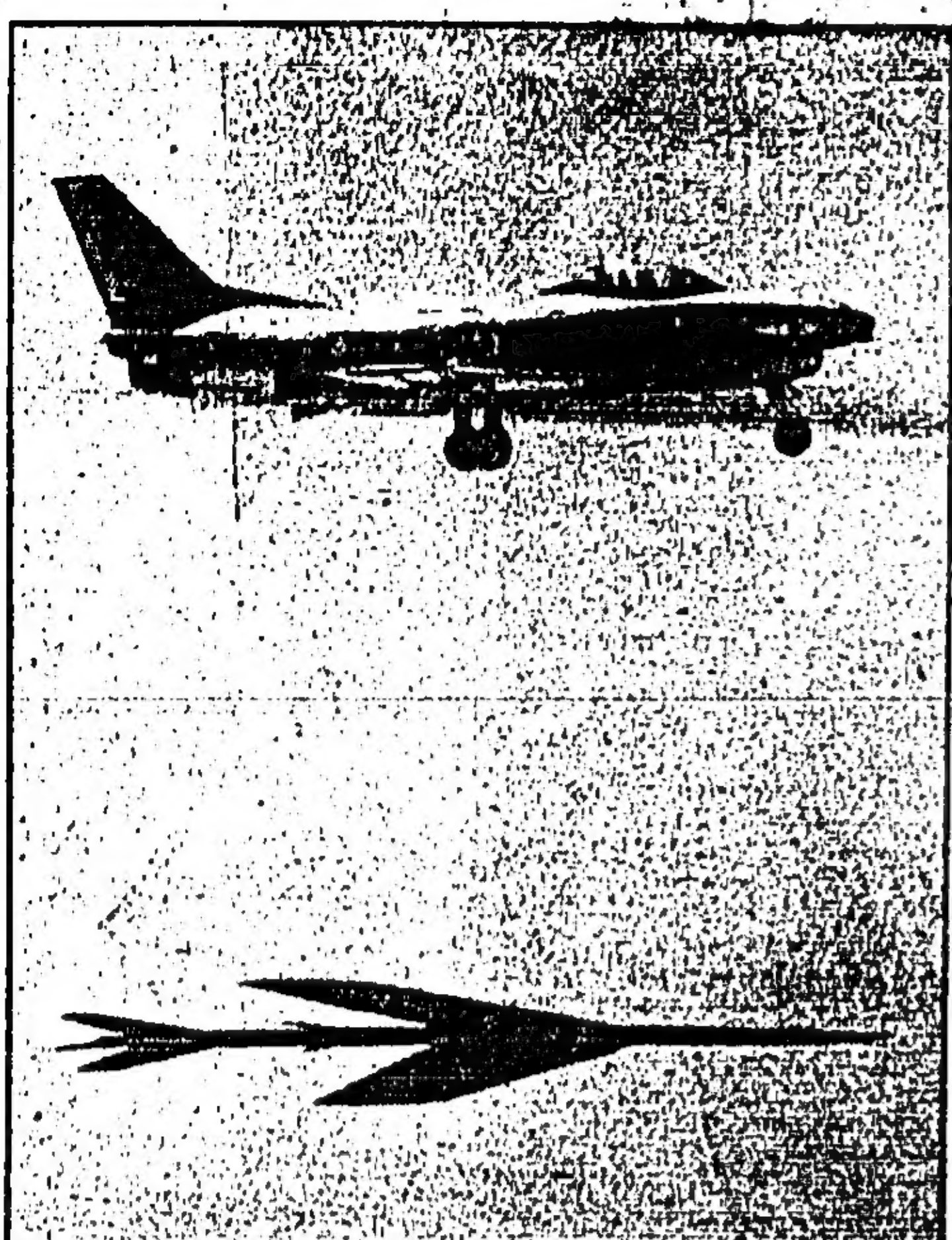
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Improving

London, Aug. 19. Sir Stafford Cripps, 62-year-old former British Chancellor of the Exchequer, who has been seriously ill in a Swiss clinic with a tubercular infection of the spine, may be fit enough to return to England before the end of the year.

Mr Charles Nell, body posture specialist, forecast this in an interview here today on his return from a fortnight at the Zurich clinic where he has been treating Sir Stafford.

Sir Stafford would have to remain at the clinic for some months, but it was possible that he would return to Britain this year, Mr Nell said.—Reuter.

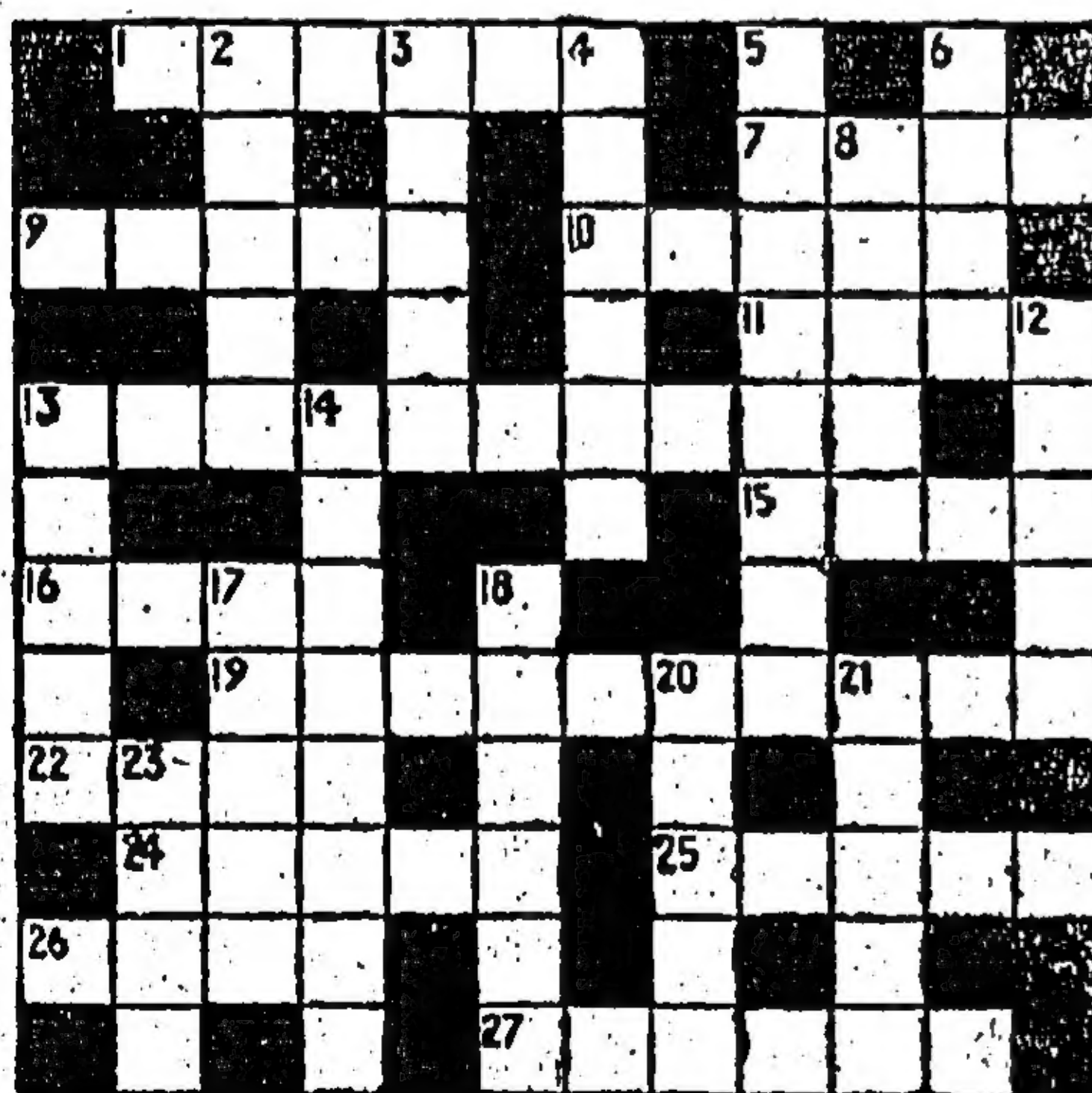
State Governor
Going To Japan

Sacramento, Aug. 19. Governor Earl Warren is to leave today on a flight to Japan to inspect California soldiers in service and in training there.

Mr Warren will fly from Travis air force base near San Francisco aboard an air force plane. The exact time of the take-off was not announced.

Some 10,000 Southern Californians are serving in the 40th Division of the California National Guard now training in Japan.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

DOWN

- 1 Waited a moment (6).
- 2 Mineral salt (4).
- 3 Compel (6).
- 4 Criminal (6).
- 5 Asset (4).
- 6 Vague (10).
- 7 Thought (4).
- 8 Awkward fellow (4).
- 9 Merciless (10).
- 10 Symbol (4).
- 11 Wood (5).
- 12 Spectacle (6).
- 13 Portend (4).
- 14 Fashions (6).

- 1 Pungent (5).
- 2 Ledger (6).
- 3 Protect (6).
- 4 Splendid (6).
- 5 Sand-hill (4).
- 6 Adored (5).
- 7 Wanderers (6).
- 8 Loafs (5).
- 9 Lengthened (6).
- 10 Pressed (5).
- 11 Card suit (6).
- 12 Irritable (6).
- 13 Bids (5).
- 14 Image (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD. — Across: 1 Diddle, 4 Usage, 7 Lumped, 8 Trite, 10 Chit, 12 Trained, 15 Argue, 16 Sore, 17 Tune, 19 Lever, 20 Entails, 21 Drop, 23 Trait, 24 Nimbus, 25 Bulge, 26 Schindler, 27 Borne. — Down: 1 Delicate, 2 Dominant, 3 Laid, 4 Scandal, 5 Quicker, 6 Frown, 7 Cresting, 8 Tangle, 9 Treading, 10 Tangle, 11 Treading, 12 Cresting, 13 Tangle, 14 Treading, 15 Cresting, 16 Tangle, 17 Treading, 18 Cresting, 19 Tangle, 20 Treading, 21 Cresting, 22 Tangle, 23 Treading, 24 Cresting, 25 Tangle, 26 Treading, 27 Cresting.

Economic Discontent
In Japan On
The Increase

Tokyo, Aug. 19. The hard core of Japanese opposition to alignment with the United States and the Western Powers is Japan's nearly six million trade unionists.

Economic discontent in Japan is on the increase. Officially, 390,000 are listed as unemployed and receiving Government assistance. But in fact at least two million Japanese are believed to be unable to find work and are surviving on the charity of their relatives.

If the Korean war ends, Government experts expect another sharp rise in unemployment owing to the discharge of workers from factories which have been supplying the United Nations war effort with a variety of equipment and supplies.

Should that happen, labour unrest, as yet still only seething below the surface, may break out into the open.

But the Socialist Party in Japan has a strong hold over organised labour. Only recently, the Socialists and the trade unions, with the vociferous backing of their rank and file, drew up a programme consisting of three principles.

In these they express their opposition to:

- 1.—A peace treaty not signed by Soviet Russia and Communist China.
- 2.—The rearmament of Japan, whose constitution, they state, renounces an army "for ever."
- 3.—A Pacific pact with the United States and the British Commonwealth which, they declare, would necessarily place Japan in one of the world's two armed camps.

WAR BOGEY

To the rank and file of labour, the worst of all eventualities would be a third World War in which Japan would almost certainly become an advanced island outpost.

Japan's industrial workers suffered in the last war, American strategic bombing was admittedly aimed at knocking out the nation's labour force by destroying its morale.

The workers cling to the conviction that a neutral course for Japan is not impossible, though many Japanese labour leaders will admit privately that it is "unrealistic."

Few, conscious of the strength of mass opinion in the large unions, will say so publicly, however, for fear of being removed from office.

Add to the working man's anxieties for the future, there is always his daily fight to make ends meet. He is better off than his counterparts in the rest of Asia, but that is about all.

Japanese reconstruction continues at a prodigious rate.

INFLATION GROWING

Tokyo, as one example, is a city of sturdy new buildings and factories springing up, it seems, on every street corner.

But the prosperity is unevenly distributed. Growing inflation has struck straight at the working class family, which has never been much above the subsistence level.

Since 1948, the price of food has risen officially by 40 per cent and rents by 60 per cent. The price of rice is shortly to be increased another 18 per cent.

Nor does this tell the whole story.

In the case of rice, for example, price controls exist on the legal markets where purchases are rationed. But housewives, who cannot obtain enough rice on the legal market to feed their families, resort regularly to a black market which exists quite openly, operating in what one official called a "legitimate illegitimate manner."

Wages have also risen, but only on an average of three and one-half times the 1948 level. The yen buys less and the increase in wages means little to those who have lost their jobs in the past three years.

PREMIER UNPOPULAR

For their economic plight and their international fears, organised labour largely blames one man, the Conservative, hard-working Prime Minister, Mr Shigeru Yoshida.

Mr Yoshida's unpopularity among the industrial working-class grows even of his Conservative Coalition, backed by the new middle class and the prosperous farmers, become more powerful in every election.

In recent local and prefectural elections, the Conservatives polled more than 75 per cent of the vote. Labour and the Socialist Party, though enjoying greater freedom of activity than ever before, and suffering from a growing sense of frustration, which finds an outlet in the numerous labour strikes, have lost ground.

Trade union leaders believe that it is only the continued Occupation which has prevented the Government from revising the labour standard laws originally adopted at the suggestion of Allied advisers.

Already, they say, a committee of the Government has recommended changes which would relax the regulations on the employment of women and children and give the Government power to prohibit strikes under certain conditions.

BAN ON STRIKES

After the peace treaty, the Government is almost certain to retain the ban on the general strike, which was first imposed by General MacArthur in February, 1948.

To dodge this, the unions have in the past used such tactics as "general strikes piecemeal" in which, at a given signal, one or more districts go on strike, followed after a certain period of time by other districts and then later, still others.

These have proved disruptive but not as satisfactory politically as a general strike.

Communist influence continues to be dominant in only a few small trade unions and Communist trade union members are estimated to total no more than 100,000.

According to American officials, most Communist labour leaders have simply vanished in the past year. They are believed to have been ordered underground.

Possibly looming larger than any Communist threat in Japan today is a possibility of co-operation between labour and an important portion of the old militarist right-wing.

A number of former military officers have made known their opposition to a foreign policy which makes Japan an advance base for the West. As the occupation and the purge near an end, these have grown more vociferous.

Until now, past antagonism has proved too unbending and the two groups have struggled working together. But if they did decide to join hands, at least on foreign policy, and observers here agree that this is possible, the political situation in Japan could change almost overnight, with unpredictable consequences.—Reuter.

Pledge By
Communist
Youth

Berlin, Aug. 19.

Two million youths from 104 countries pledged themselves here tonight to campaign for a "Big Five" peace pact "to create the basis for a peaceful, neighbourly life among all peoples."

The "peace vow," concluding East Berlin's Communist World Youth Festival, will remain secret until the demonstration begins. An unofficial translation of it said that "the unshakable will of the young generation of all countries and peoples... is aimed at preserving peace and winning a better future."

The declaration said that "a great threat of a new war" was hanging over the world, and that the enemies of peace were doing everything in their power to disturb friendly relations between the peoples of the world.

"They began competing in an unrestrained armament race and in certain countries they moved to open aggression. We believe that there is a sure means of preventing a new war—that is, to discontinue the armaments competition and to conclude a peace pact between the Big Five powers—United States, Soviet Union, Great Britain, France and China."

Portugal's New President



General Craveiro Lopes salutes the flag of the Guard of Honour as he enters the National Assembly building in Lisbon on August 9 to take the oath and to receive full powers as President of Portugal in succession to the late Marshal Oscar Carmona. The new President's first public act was the laying of a wreath on the tomb of his predecessor.—AP Picture.

Kremlin Annoyed
By Cancellation
Of Trade Treaty

London, Aug. 19.

Russia accused the United States tonight of "further worsening" relations between the two countries by cancelling the 1937 American-Soviet trade agreement. The Soviet monitor, in a hand-out, distributed the broadcast Soviet note.

The Soviet agency Tass announced the text of the Russian charge, which it said had been handed to the State Department in Washington by the Russian Embassy on Saturday.

The Tass-Moscow despatch monitored here said the Russian note was in reply to a note by the United States Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, informing the Soviet Union that America had decided to cancel the 1937 agreement.

"The Soviet Government appraises the above decision as an act directed towards further worsening of Soviet-American relations, for which all responsibility rests fully with the Government of the United States of America," said the note.

The text of the note was as follows: "The Soviet Government confirms the receipt of the note of Mr Acheson, United States Secretary of State, of June 23, 1951, which informs it of the decision of the Government of the United States of America to annul the trade agreement between the United States of America and the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics of 1937."

"IN CONTRADICTION"

"The Soviet Government deems it opportune to remark that the trade agreement between the USSR and the United States was concluded in 1937 and then renewed annually up to 1942, when, at the proposal of the United States Government, the decision was taken to renew this agreement for the future without standing a period for its operation."

"The Soviet Government deems it necessary to draw attention to the fact that the decision of the United States Government on denunciation of the trade agreement of 1937 is 'IN CONTRADICTION'."

Atlantic Pact
Extension

London, Aug. 19.

The Atlantic Pact Committee will on Tuesday tackle the question of admitting Greece and Turkey to full membership of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, it was understood in diplomatic quarters today.

The United States, supported by Britain, would like a definite recommendation in favour of admitting them in time for the NATO Ministerial Council meeting at Ottawa in mid-September.

If the deputies fail to reach an agreement, the question will then be fully argued by the Ministers themselves when it is hoped an agreement will be reached enabling the Greek and Turkish Republics to be admitted as members of the Organisation.

SLUMP IN
JAP TRADE
WITH HK

Tokyo, Aug. 19.

Hongkong, Japan's third best customer last year with \$53,000,000 worth of Japanese exports, fell to sixth with \$33,000,000 in the first seven months of this year, according to a survey of the International Trade and Industry Ministry.

The United Nations embargo decision against Red China was said to be the cause of the slump.

Indonesia proved to be the best customer next to the United States.

Of a total of \$852,000,000 export, the United States was top with \$112,000,000 against \$170,000,000 for the whole of last year.

Indonesia, in fourth place last year, jumped to second, with \$94,000,000, chiefly because of an increase of cotton goods purchases. The seven-month figure was already twice the 1950's \$40,000,000.

Ecuador, second largest customer last year, dropped to third place with \$80,000,000 comprising mostly the purchase of cotton cloth and machinery.

Other marked advances were the rise of Argentina from 10th place last year to fifth and that of Australia from ninth to fourth.

Red China with \$8,000,000 dropped to 20th place, compared with 12th in the last year.

KING'S MAJESTIC

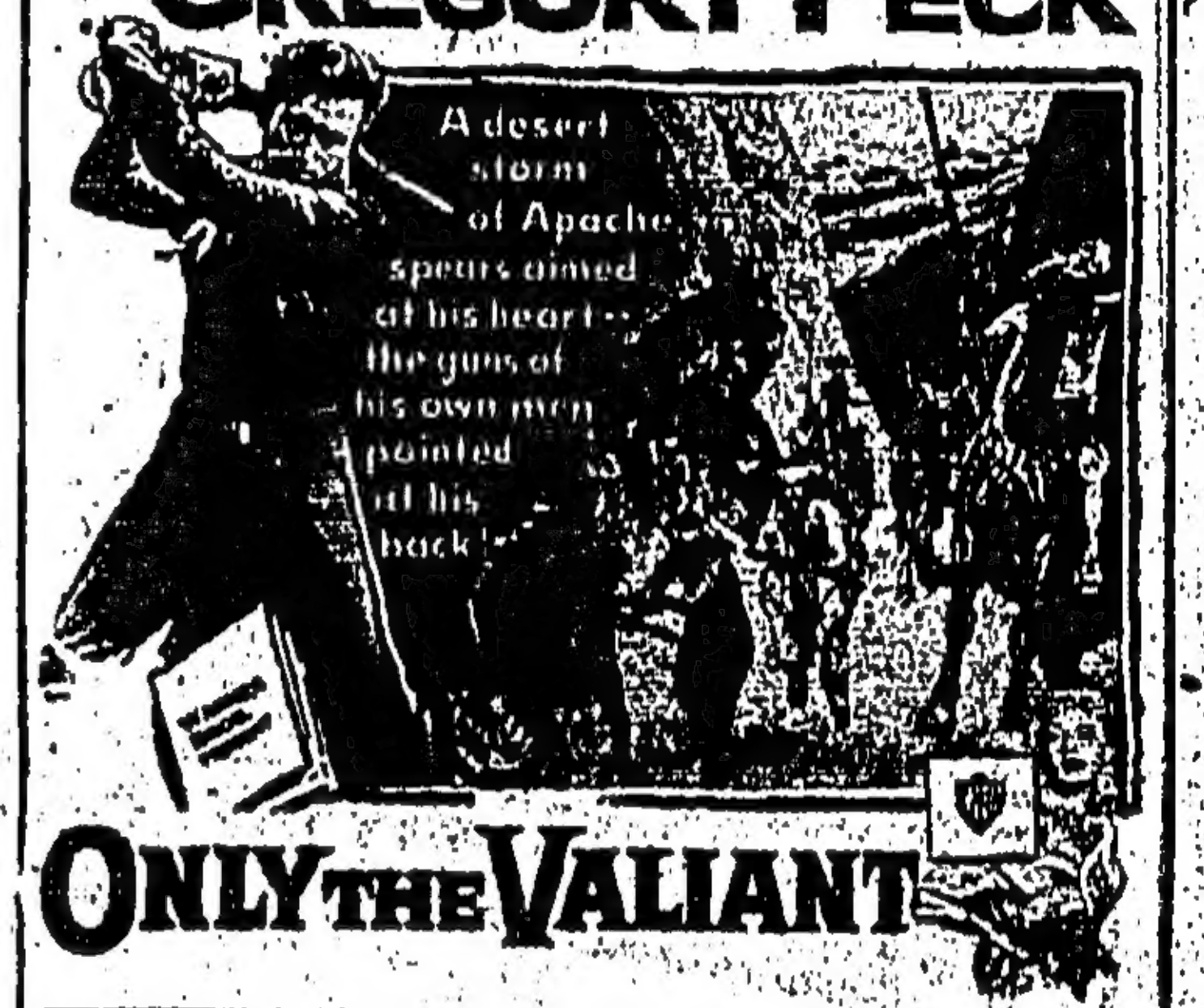
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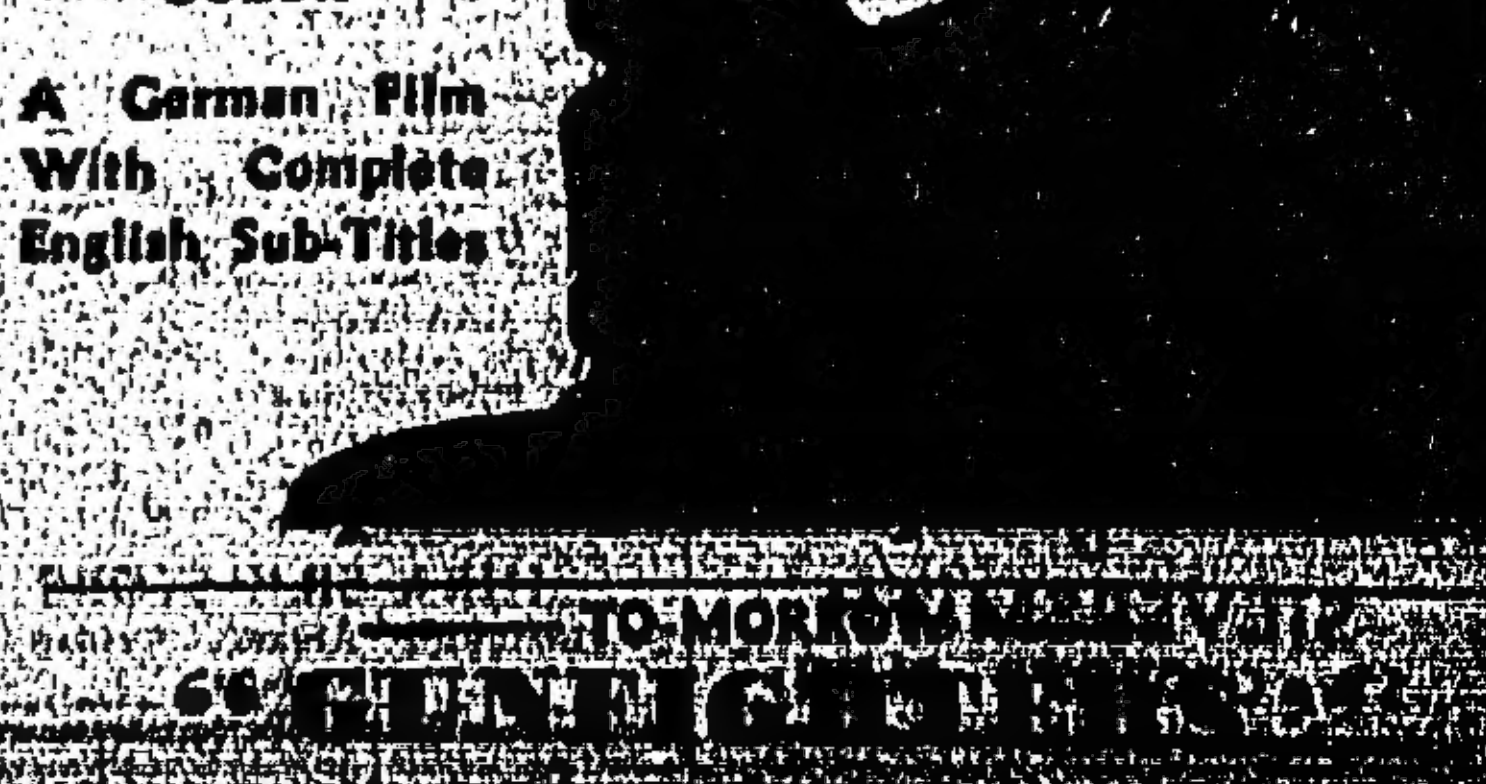
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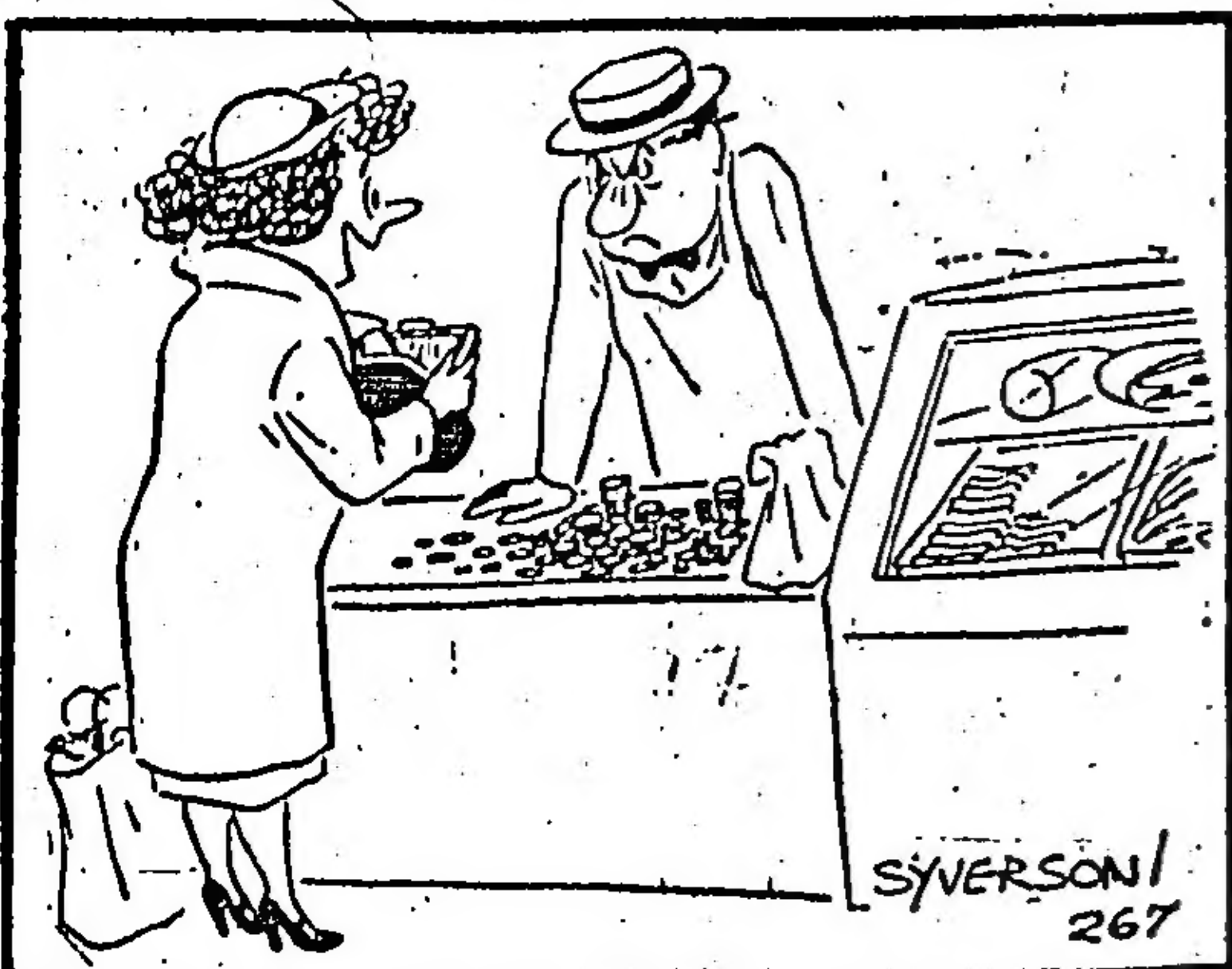


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PROPHESY that the new three-drum horizontal engine-driven car-burner steam boiler is going to be all the rage. It has a boiler with forced draft, and the cooling flues are disced, drilled, and equipped by the flexible-Clendon method. The plates pass through wheeled rollers, with "creams" under the copper fire-boxes, and the new-type joggled against the matted face of the lag-sheet. They are not of course, portable, but, if fitted with castors, they can be pushed from one place to another. Give her one for her birthday. Get Down From An Elephant. (See you, by Lieut.-Colonel M. J. Nambury).

The Off Plan
PROFESSOR ORFL, head of a Traffic Week Rally at Stow-

the-Wold, said that if both sides of one-way streets were used for parking, there would still be room for a single line of narrow traffic down the middle. Such streets would be marked W. with the word "Light" on one side and "No light" on the other. On emerging from a one-way parking street, alternate vehicles would turn left and right, subsequently rejoining the main stream at an "outgoing" marked L. Asked what on earth all this had to do with anything, the Professor passed round copies of his "Con-Plan" Schedule. In this it is made clear that traffic coming the wrong way into a one-way parking street would have to back out in the reverse direction to that in which it had come in. Asked if this would not involve turning in the narrow aisle between parked vehicles, the Professor said, "Undoubtedly."

YOUR BIRTHDAY By STELLA

MONDAY, AUGUST 20

BORN today, you are lively, energetic and have a wide variety of interests. A good organizer, you have more than average tact and are able to reconcile the different opinions presented to you for settlement. The law is likely to appeal to you and you might easily rise to a judgeship. And all the competition, enthusiasm and interest in politics.

You enjoy sports and as a youth might be an amateur competitor. Although you might be intrigued by professional sports, it would be too bad to neglect your intellectual talents for them. You have considerable personal magnetism and know

how to adapt yourself socially with all kinds of people. You will probably be quite wealthy during your lifetime, for you have the capacity for making money out of almost anything you undertake. Your ambition to succeed is high but you are inclined to scatter your energies too widely. Learn to concentrate on one objective if you want an early success.

Attractive to members of the opposite sex, you will undoubtedly have more than one romance before you settle down to marriage.

To find out what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Conform to the conventional formalities when dealing with important persons to get the best results.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—A pleasant evening's entertainment with friends is indicated. Make your plans well ahead of time.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Green lights are on for you. Go as fast as you safely can and make real progress on some venture.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Make autumn plans today. Your home and your wardrobe may need refurbishing. Do it now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23)—Put your best foot forward when meeting important people today. A little glamour can work miracles!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 24-Jan. 20)—Children's problems can prove distressing, so try to be patient, tactful and kindly; help solve problems.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Be neighbourly. Pay a call on a new friend, and you may make a lifelong friend.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Restlessness might create havoc; so

make a stern attempt to curb it! Seek inner contentment and calm.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Avoid anything which might cause gossip. Conventional behaviour can never be criticised.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Your future is important, so make definite plans now and you will see how well they work out for you.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Romance is in the air. Pay attention to it, or you may miss out in some real happiness due you.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—You may combine business with pleasure and anticipate excellent results in play, luncheon or dinner for office connections.

JULY (July 24-Aug. 23)—Children's problems can prove distressing, so try to be patient, tactful and kindly; help solve problems.

AUGUST (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Put your best foot forward when meeting important people today. A little glamour can work miracles!

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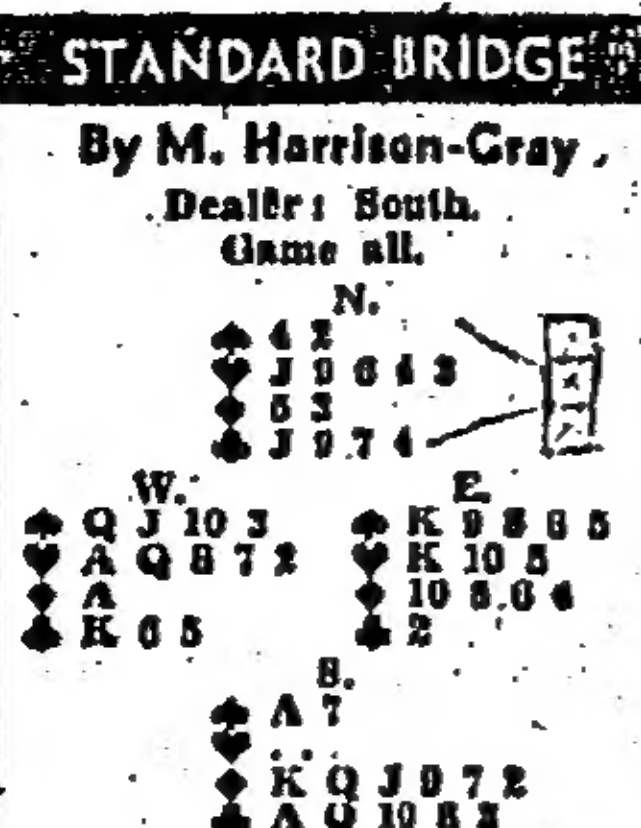
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An example of a profitable sacrifice after an opening Two-bid. South opened Two Diamonds and West correctly made a take-out double. East bid Three Spades (a jump to Three Spades to show positive values is better) and South bid Three Clubs. The bidding then proceeded: West, Three Spades; North, Four Clubs; East, Four Spades; South, Five Clubs; West, Double; all pass.

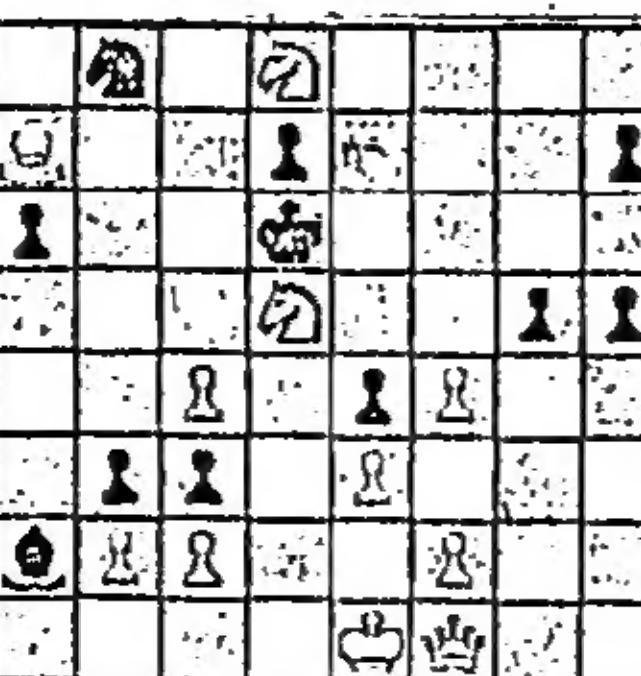
DUMB-BELLS

DARLING, STICK OUT YOUR TONGUE FOR DOCTOR! SHALL I MAKE FACES TOO?



CHESS PROBLEM

By H. KNUDSEN
(4th Prize BCF Tourney 62)
Black, 11 pieces.



White, 11 pieces.

White to play; mate in three.

Solution to Saturday's problem:

1. Q-K4, any; 2. Q. B. ch. or dcl ch.; or Kt mates.

INTELLIGENCE TEST

By T. O. HARE

"OUR soccer championship will interest you, Hare," writes the headmaster. Chess Lodge. "Our four houses—Knights, Bishops, Pawns and Rooks—each played one game against each of the others. The same number of goals was scored in each game. A win carried two points, a draw, one point. Knights, scoring 11 goals in all, clocked up five points; Bishops, four points, took a scoreless game, but only achieved one point. Knights and Pawns drew their game."

What was the score of the game between Bishops and Rooks?

(Solution on Page 10)

POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



"Alas, my dear Omar, I'm afraid we're going to have to turn down another enquiry. In the Technical Director's camp tonight."

WOMANSENSE

Why do so many well-dressed women wear such FRIGHTFUL HATS? —asks SUSAN DEACON

SOME lucky women have money and TASTE. Others have only money.

At many social events I see expensive £100-a-time outfits spoiled by over-trimmed and shapeless hats.

MODEL HATS in London cost anything from £12 to £30 each. For this price you get the model exclusive (you hope). But the women who wear them seem determined to get good value by piling on the trimming.

The business girl who spends £5 a year on hats could teach many of the model hat brigade a thing or two on how to choose a hat—and how to wear it.

WHERE DO society women buy their over-trimmed head-gear? A tour of the shops convinced me that they do not buy them. They 'improve' them at home!

All I found were a few tulle and fruit-draped Henley hats, a star-shaped cartwheel with velvet streamers left over from Ascot, and a garden party hat with feather chignon and fruit trimming (it tied under the chin for good measure).

In fact, most of the model collections showed elegant, simple shapes, which most smart women would want to wear.

THE QUEEN'S milliner, Aage Thaarup (average price for a hat sixteen guineas) shows lots of velvet in his new collection. There is a tendency in this collection for higher crowns, long-haired "bearskin" felts, and sharp, vivid colours.

HAIR DON'TS

DON'T brush your hair when it is wet; comb it lightly. Brushing mats the shafts together; your hair will not be soft and fluffy. No matter what you use there should be two applications with brisk friction, each one followed by a prolonged rinsing. A five-minute scalp massage before starting on the pin-curling project will prove invigorating to scalp and hair alike.

DON'T be a penny-saver when buying a brush; one with weak bristles is not effective in removing dust and scalp scales. Treat a strand at a time, with a rolling motion of the brush.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

If the family plays such games as checkers, parchesi or chess, spray the board with a coat of shellac or other water-resistant finish. A soapy cloth will easily wash finger marks from the board, leaving it clean.

Some housewives think it does no harm to pour coffee grounds down the kitchen drain. Plumbers say it shouldn't be done because the grounds are not soluble, and can combine with the grease to clog up the drain.

See that your painter does not save himself work by painting woodwork and trim with the same flat paint used on the walls. Surfaces which must be cleaned often should have gloss or semi-gloss paint.

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Warm Weather Suit Style



Light blue linen is the preference of Sally Forrest, star of RKO Radio's "Hard, Fast and Beautiful." Above, she models a simple tailored jacket with a linen collar combined with an accordion-pleated skirt.

These Five Pointers

Will Give Your Home That Desired Cool Look

—and all based on eye appeal

By ELEANOR ROSS

HAVE you waited until the first warm spell really arrives to start planning for warm weather living? Fussing about will only make you feel worse.

Cleanliness. Firstly, it is good to remember that cleanliness helps to promote coolness. A home that is fresh, bright, and sparkling clean is a haven of peace and refreshment and can be kept so on even the hottest day. But rooms must look and be uncluttered for summer living. A room with simple sheer curtains, little or no bric-a-brac, and neat, light, well-fitted slip covers for heavy or dark furniture will always be inviting.

Nylon curtains that need no ironing or stretching, slip covers that go right into tub or washing machine then back on the furniture to shape and complete the drying process, gay plastic runners and table mats, cotton throw-rugs on shining bare floors will help make life easier and tend to give the illusion of coolness and offer an easy maintenance job.

Foliage. Tall containers of fresh foliage lend a forest look.

as does a container, here and there, of fresh flowers.

Hardness and scent make for coolness: If your family's hot weather problem is sleep, then, here are a few tips to charm Morpheus. A harder bed is a cooler bed, and it's an accepted fact that clean, faintly-scented linens make a bed cooler, too. Linen closet shelves painted with a lavender, verbena or rose geranium scented lacquer make for sweet-smelling bed linen. Those pretty pastel sheets now in the stores make most attractive bed covers for summer. They add just the right comfort on a cool night and what could be easier to keep laundered and fresh. Hang damp sheets straight and stretch them on the line to cut down ironing time.

During what one friend of ours calls "open house" season (for dust as well as for hospitality) the wise housewife makes daily soap-and-water rounds of door-tops, window-edges, mirrors and picture frames. Just a quick swab daily eliminates the heavy coat of dust and dirt that takes hard scrubbing to remove. A damp soapy cloth used frequently on window sills and moulding helps but a moment, but it helps curtain hems stay clean longer.

Cool colours for decorative fabrics give a feeling of refreshment and relaxation. Cool colours, of course, are those that actually look cool, such as blue, green and some delicate shades of violet. They tend to separate objects from each other, push walls back and even reduce the size of pieces of furniture. All this helps accomplish that uncluttered, airy look of a comfortable home—for summer living, in fact, as well as in illusion.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Animals Can Be Useful, Too

—For Instance, They Plant Trees; Build Dams—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hand, the shadowy figures with the turned-about names, were visiting their friend Blinky Mole. They were all sitting about in his pleasant living-room under the apple-tree stump at the back of the garden when Blinky, after lighting his pipe and stretching out his feet, began: "Now you often hear folks talking about the destructiveness of animals."

"What's that mean—destructiveness?" Knarf asked.

"Destroying, damaging, hurting things," Blinky explained, chuckling as he spoke. "They call Squirrel destructive. They say he chews up things around houses. They call Beaver destructive. They say he cuts down trees. And they call me destructive, too. They say I build my tunnels through lawns."

Hand said in a gentle voice, because she didn't want to hurt Blinky's feelings, "But you do build your tunnels through people's lawns, Blinky. And Squirrel and Beaver both do the things that folks say they do."

"Of course, of course," Blinky agreed puffing away at his pipe. "But just the same, we do plenty of constructiveness, too."

"What's that mean—constructiveness?" Knarf interrupted again.

"Well, they do," said Blinky. "Mind you, I'm not saying that they set out deliberately to plant trees, but they do just the same. This is what happens. A squirrel finds an acorn and buries it in the ground, meaning to dig it up later. Then he forgets all about it. And in the spring a tiny oak sprouts out of the ground. It gets bigger and bigger until finally it is a fine, handsome tree. But it never would have grown at all if

"Well, I'm not too sure there is such a word. But if there were," said Blinky, "it would mean building up, mending things, adding to rather than taking away, being useful rather than harmful."

Blinky went to his door, opened it and pointed to a large oak tree growing in the middle of the lawn. "Now who do you suppose planted that oak? Who planted that wonderful, big, shady tree?"

"The people who live in this house," said Knarf.

Blinky shook his head. "Who?" asked Hand.

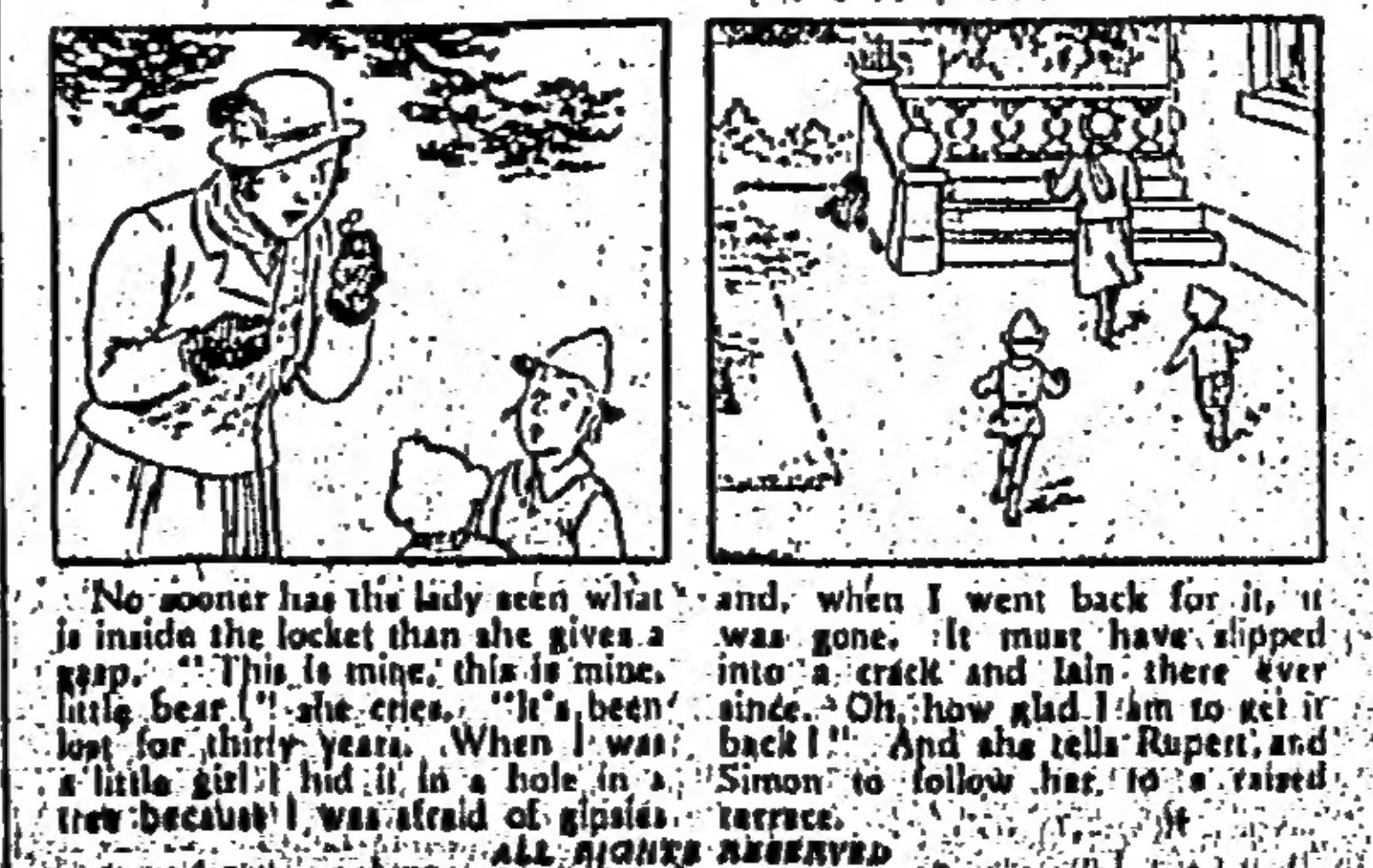
"Squirrel's great-great-great-grandfather."

Didn't Know

Hearing this, Knarf and Hand both exclaimed that they didn't know that squirrels planted trees.

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"No sooner has the lady seen what is inside the locknet than she gives a gasp. 'This is mine, this is mine, little bear,' she cries. 'It's been lost for thirty years. When I was a little girl I hid it in a hole in a tree because I was afraid of giants.'"

Blinky puffed at his pipe for several minutes before he spoke again. "I guess I do do a bit of damage to lawns. I also eat quite a number of plants and things. And I don't really build anything that anybody else can use. But what a lot of bugs and grubs and nibbling worms I eat. And those same bugs and grubs and nibbling worms would do more harm to gardens than I do. So I'm not all destructive. I do some good. And besides," he said, chuckling again, "I never come out in the daylight. I never make my noise. I don't bite anyone, and I never walk on the grass—no, indeed, I always make sure to do my walking under it." And Blinky chuckled again.

COMPETITION IS LARGELY FROM HOME



Herb McKenley, holder of the world record of 46 seconds for the 140 Yards run, is a Jamaican. So are George Rhodes, holder of the 100 Metres record of 46.8 seconds, and Arthur Wint, the Olympic Champion at 400 Metres.—Express Photo.

INDIA TO PLAY CHESS MATCH WITH JAPAN

Bombay Aug. 19. The Chess Club of India has accepted a challenge from the Chess Club of Tokyo to play a five-board correspondence chess with Japan. It was learned here.

The Japanese team, led by Dr. Matsu Kashi, the world famous pathologist, is believed to be made up of the finest chess players in Japan. The Chess Club of India has not yet selected its team but it is likely to be led by Ramachandra Supre, the Club Champion.

The Indian club has made good showings in correspondence matches against Australia, South Africa and is confident of beating Japan. —United Press.

MOSCOW CHESS TOURNAMENT

London, Aug. 19. The 19th Moscow chess tournament has been won by the 22-year-old player Pletosin, Moscow Radio said today. Pletosin scored nine and a half points out of a possible 12 points, winning seven games, drawing five and losing none. —Reuter.

LEACH AND HAGUENAUER WIN FOUR OF FIVE EXHIBITION MATCHES

By "OBSERVER"

World Table Tennis Champion Johnny Leach and French Champion Michel Haguenauer last night won the fifth of their extended series of seven games in Hongkong, defeating a Hongkong Combined team by four matches to one.

Leach served the capacity crowd with another masterful and sparkling exhibition of all-round stroke play, winning easily his two singles matches and paving the way to the Doubles victory.

Haguenauer was on one of his off-days, but made a spectacular recovery in his singles match against the Macao player, Wong Sek-tim. After losing the first two sets, he was trailing 15-20 in the third set when he reeled off seven points in a row to save the set and eventually win the remaining two sets.

On the whole the opposition put up by the Hongkong team yesterday was disappointing, as was the selection of the players for yesterday's matches.

It was thought that the original intention of staging the first night's programme all over again would be adhered to, but instead Hongkong put up a mere second-rate team. If it was the Table Tennis Association's idea to give every ranking player a chance to play against the reputed world stars, the choice of Cheng Kwok-wing could be understood, but still to be explained was the inclusion of Wong Sek-tim, a Macao player, in the other Singles and Keung Wing-ning and Chau Hing-chau, who have already played against Leach and Haguenauer in the Doubles.

For tonight's match another second-class singles line-up comprising Chung Hing-chau and Keung Wing-ning has been chosen, with the Doubles choice of Chung Chin-sing and Li Ping to possibly brighten up the night's programme.

There is only one series of games left after tonight's programme, and to be fair to the crowd and also to Leach and Haguenauer, let us hope that the Table Tennis Association will not let Chung Chin-sing and Li Ping sit on the laurels of their victories over the World Champions, but put on view Hongkong's best and best probable team for the World Championships next year, which in my opinion would be Sit Sul-cho and Chung Chin-sing in the Singles and Sit Sul-cho and Fu Chi-fong in the Doubles.

YESTERDAY'S GAMES

Ex-Colony Champion Cheng Kwok-wing gave Hongkong an opening lead of one match by defeating Haguenauer 13-21, 21-13, 21-12, 21-17.

After starting promisingly, Haguenauer lapsed into errors and was a little on the slow side to cope with Cheng's fast short ball-volley defence returns.

Immaculate strokes enabled Leach to polish off Wong Sek-tim in three straight sets 21-14, 21-13 and 21-11.

The Doubles match saw Leach and Haguenauer in a run-away first set win of 21-9. The local lads, Chung Hing-chau and Keung Wing-ning, put up a better resistance in the second set, and were actually leading by 14-4, 13-7, 16-9 and 19-14 at different stages of the set.

Only to fall prey to their own lack of steadiness to lose by 19-21. Taking over the offensive in the third set, particularly in its later stages after the score had reached 14-14, they scored the seven remaining points for the loss of only one to take the set at 21-15.

The fourth set saw the local pair all at sea when pinned to the defensive as the two world stars plastered them with drives from all angles to win set and match by 21-8.

Most thrilling match of the evening was the singles encounter between Wong Sek-tim and Haguenauer. Spectacular retrieving by Wong took him through the first two sets by 18-21 and 12-21.

Playing a more careful game, and reverting slightly to the defensive, Haguenauer captured the third set, but found himself trailing again by 3-7, 11-17 and 15-20 in the fourth.

Wong's weak follow-ups were distinctly evident at this stage, and to the disgust of his supporters he continued to merely push the ball back.

Haguenauer caught up to 20 with some beautiful forehand drives and finally won set by 22-20.

Discouraged by this reversal and tiring rapidly, Wong was no opposition to Haguenauer in the final set, losing by 12-21.

In the last match of the evening between Leach and Cheng Kwok-wing, the latter

All-Australian Final In U.S. Doubles

Chestnut Hill, Mass., Aug. 19.

The United States National Doubles Tennis Championship became Australian property for the second straight year today when a pair of talented Aussie teams eliminated the last remaining Americans in the semi-final round of the play at Longwood Cricket Club.

In a stunning upset, the Australian entry of Don Candy and Mervyn Rose, second-seeded in the foreign field, overpowered America's top-ranked pair of Gardner Mulley and Bill Talbert, 6-4, 6-8, 20-18, 8-7.

The first-seeded foreign pair of Frank Sedgman and Ken McGregor (Australia) defeated the second-seeded home team of Budge Patty and Tony Trabert, 6-3, 6-1, 6-4.

The all-Australian final round will be played on Monday. Sedgman won the doubles crown last year while teamed with John Bromwich.

In the women's semi-final match, the second-seeded American team of Miss Nancy Chaffee and Mrs. Patricia Todd defeated the British Wightman Cup players, Miss Jean Querrier and Miss Kay Tuckey, first-seeded foreign entry, 6-3, 6-3.

The Chaffee-Todd pairing will play on Monday against Miss Doris Hart and Miss Shirley Fry, title favourites, in the final round of the women's event. —United Press.

Baseball Scores

New York, Aug. 20. Results of Sunday's games in Major League baseball were:

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston 8, Washington 3; Philadelphia 15, New York 1; Cleveland 4, Chicago 0 (first game); Detroit 5, St. Louis 2 (first game).

NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York 5, Philadelphia 4; Chicago 2, Pittsburgh 4 (first game); Brooklyn 4, Boston 15; St. Louis 5, Cincinnati 0 (first game). —Associated Press.

SECOND GAMES

The following are the results of the second games in the double-headers:

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Detroit 6, St. Louis 2; Cleveland 9, Chicago 7.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago 4, Philadelphia 0; St. Louis 5, Cincinnati 0 (first game); St. Louis 5, Cincinnati 4. —Associated Press.

Local Softball Association's Standing Recognised By The Governing Body

By "GRANDSTAND"

An official communication has been received by Mr. A. E. Ablong from the Amateur Softball Association of the Americas granting temporary recognition of the local Association's standing in the Far East, pending ratification of their affiliation rights which will be approved at the next meeting of the Membership Committee.

Dr. F. J. Molthen, current President of the Hongkong body has been appointed as the first Commissioner in Hongkong and in future all inquiries pertaining to a Softball will be channelled through the local organisation.

Great interest has been shown in the activities of our organisation and a request for photographs of the outstanding teams in the Men's and Ladies' sections of the leagues has been made with the object of publishing them in their next Official Guide.

MAY BE OLYMPIC SPORT

Several critics in the press have lately referred to Softball as a non-Olympic game and it may be of interest to them to learn that an application has been made to the Olympic Committee for the inclusion of this sport in the international programme.

Great hopes exist in the United States for this to be included in 1956, if not in 1952.

Team managers are reminded for the last time that entries to the regular Leagues close on Monday and although entries received to date are encouraging, it is evident that most teams are waiting for the deadline.

The Canadians, about whom there were some doubts as to their entry, have submitted their roster while the Americans, who battled the Champions in 1950-51 to a playoff tie, are taking part in this popular pastime again.

The Japanese have teams in all three of the men's sections, namely, Senior "A" and "B" and the Juniors, while the U.S. Navy has submitted through pilot Leon Mayfield an imposing lineup which is rumoured to possess several speedy hurlers.

The Junior League rivals, the Blackhawks and Delawares, are entered once more to revive their feud, and while the former have depleted somewhat by the promotion of pitcher Joey Grace and shortstopper Bernie Silva to the Madcaps, they have acquired new talent in Mana Remedios and Carlos Xavier.

The Griffins are still in the League, but South China have done away with their second stringers with only an entry in the Seniors.

SQUAWS ONLY 50 FAR

The Ladies' League is still a mystery, for although there is plenty of talent around, only the Squaws have sent in their entry. The Wahoes have finally decided to run for the pennant once more while South China has been rumoured to be moulding a female squad. Apart from this, no official information has yet been received by the Association regarding their intentions for the coming season.

St. Joseph's, who have decided to join the race again for sentimental reasons, have not yet been able to round up the minimum of 12 players, although they have been strengthened by Kilo Hyndman and Lightningfinger Al Smith.

The prudent decision game of the Summer League, which was scheduled to be played on Wednesday afternoon, was

THE GAMBOLS



TODAY'S SPORT

WATER POLO

Fortuna v Chung Sing (Red) (Ritz), 6.15 p.m.; RAF v Eastern (VRCA) (Ritz), 7 p.m.; A & S.H. v EYMCA (EYMCA), 6.30 p.m.; VRCA v Chung Sing (Blue) (VRCA), 6.15 p.m.; Chung Wing v RAMC (Ritz), 6.45 p.m.; South China v Royal Navy (EYMCA), 7 p.m.; Hot Tin v White Sharks (VRCA), 6.45 p.m.

TABLE TENNIS

Exhibition games at Southern Playground, Wanchai, featuring Johnny Leach and Michel Haguenauer, commencing 7.30 p.m.

MEETINGS

Amateur Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hongkong meeting at Victoria Recreation Club, 5.30 p.m.

Some High Class Racing Due In The Meeting At Knaves' Mire Course

London, Aug. 19.

The famed Knaves' Mire Course at York, set in charming surroundings, should be graced by some high-class racing during the meeting, which starts next Tuesday, August 21.

Every race on the three-day card is worth at least £1,000 and such events as the Nunthorpe Stakes, Yorkshire Oaks, Ebor Handicap and Glimcrack Stakes will bring a spice to British racing which it has lacked during the quiet time since Goodwood.

One of the most keenly sought prizes at the meeting, which was established as long ago as 1709, is the Glimcrack Stakes, the important six-furlong test for two-year-olds which carries with it the honour of addressing the brethren of the Ancient Fraternity of York Glimcracks at their annual dinner in December.

This year's race, to be held next Thursday, is no exception. There are 18 acceptors for the race, representing leading owners from Britain, France, the United States and Ireland.

Four years ago the honour of putting his views on racing before the "Brethren of Ye Ancient Fraternity" fell to Mr. William Woodward, former Chairman of the New York Jockey Club, through the success of the colt, Black Tamarin.

TRYING AGAIN

This year Mr. Woodward has accepted with his American-bred colt, Basilidon, by Some Chance out of Lady Granville. Basilidon has run only once, finishing third of four entries at Goodwood in the race in which Lord Rosebury's crack two-year-old colt, Bob Major, was unexpectedly beaten by Mr. James Rank's Gray Time.

Basilidon finished only one and a half lengths behind Bob Major and two behind the winner, a creditable performance for a first appearance on a racecourse.

The race was over six furlongs, the same distance as the Glimcrack Stakes.

American colours will also be carried by Flery Torch, a British-bred colt by Nasrullah, owned by Mr. Robert Sterling Clark. Flery Torch has won one small race in four outings.

M. Marcel Bouscass, the French owner, will rely on a filly, Pharus, in his bid to win the race for the third time, though only two of the six have been successful since 1924.

Pharus is by the popular French sire, Pharis, who got Cortil, winner of the Glimcrack Stakes for M. Bouscass last year.

Perhaps Pharus will change her owner's luck on the British Turf which this season has declined to the depths after his many successes in previous years since the war.

It was 16 years ago that the French owner won his first Glimcrack Stakes with Goya.

M. Bouscass is also sending over six other horses to run in various events.

IRELAND'S HOPES

Ireland's hopes are pinned on Mr. Raymond Bell's unbeaten Wyndham colt, Windy City, the winner of a race at Chester, and of Ireland's biggest two-year-old race, the "One Thousand Five Hundred" at Phoenix Park, Dublin.

A prominent English entry is Mr. Claude Harper's filly, All, the winner of four races, three of which were worth over £1,000.

Sir Humphrey de Trafford has his Ascot winner, Indian Hemp, a colt by Nasrullah, in the race, and Lord Rosebury, like M. Bouscass, will be represented by a filly.

He has accepted with Stilian, a daughter of Stilian, out of Bouscass, who brought a filly to the fore in the Glimcrack Stakes last year.

At this stage, with no definite stable plans known, suggesting the probable winner is extremely difficult, for the race is, to put it mildly, wide open.

The five-furlong Nunthorpe Stakes, regarded as the unofficial sprint championship of the season, tops the bill on the first day.

Nine crack sprinters have accepted. A great race is promised with such horses as the three-year-old Stephen Paul, who missed the Stewards' Cup at Goodwood to run here, and Abadan, the Beekhampton Stables' successor to last year's winner, Abernant.

Abadan, speedy son of Persian Gulf, showed a return to his best form at Goodwood when he beat a field of high class sprinters and is taken to win with Stephen Paul and another three-year-old, Royal Serenade, as the principal dangers.

The Yorkshire Oaks, also being run on the first day, has attracted 13 acceptances, including two from the powerful Bouscass stables, Banqui and Monrose. Both have tried to win in Britain before this season without success.

The finish is likely to be fought out between the Irish One Thousand Guineas winner, Queen of Sheba, and Mr. Jack Townley's Judith Paris, now a greatly improved filly.

The future winner of the well-known handicap, the Cesarewitch, may be seen out in the Ebor Handicap, over one mile and six furlongs, on the second day.

This is one of the oldest and most popular handicaps in the British racing calendar.

Some of Britain's leading stayers have dropped out at the acceptance stage but the 38 long-distance performers left in should make a good race of it.

NOT SINCE 1931

Top weight will be carried by the four-year-old Dark Warrior, who will shoulder the impost of nine stone by three pounds. Not since that famed colt, Brown Jack, took it in 1931 has the race been won by a horse carrying nine stones or over, and the only other horse to accomplish the feat was March Along, in 1921.

One which appears "thrown in" on the last running is Djemil, bred by M. Bouscass's famous stallion, Djebel, and owned by Mr. "Manna" Morris, who won the race in 1940 with another filly, Fox Trot.

Djemil, a three-year-old, is in with only seven stone. Since the publication of the weights when she was a maiden, she won a race over the Ebor Handicap distance at York, beating three rivals with the greatest of ease.

Critics have judged that she had almost two stone in hand over the field that day.

Mr. Marcus Marsh's Newmarket stable has another candidate, Star Spangled Banner, in the race, but he is set to carry only one pound less than the top weight, Dark Warrior.

The Northern trainer, Mr. Sam Hall, who saddled Mischief Atom to win the race in 1949, has three left in this year's Coleridge, winner of the Manchester November Handicap last year, Caporetto and Cull-gain.

Caporetto has run prominently without winning this season and may be Coleridge will be the most of the three. Cull-gain, the former Newmarket

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THE MECCA OF GOLF— The Dutch Brought There Their Game Of "Hedkolfin"

By JACK HOUSE

Ever since I said that, not only did I not play golf, but that I didn't even think very much of the game, golfers have looked at me as though I should go around shouting "Unclean, unclean!" and ringing an outcast's bell. But let me make it quite clear that it was with no idea of ingratiating myself with these megalomaniacs that I went to St Andrews, Fifeshire.

I was drawn to St Andrews because I read that a display of "Royal and Ancient regalia and historical clubs" was taking place in the Royal and Ancient Clubhouse. As one whose ambition it has been for years to enter the Forbidden City of Tibet, I yearned to enter the golfing Holy of Holies. Some people said I'd never be allowed in.

And I began to agree with them when I arrived in St. Andrews around midday, and discovered from the green leaflet of local events and activities that the exhibition was open from 10.30 to 11.30 each morning. I walked down Golf Street and looked with awe upon that squat grey building that is the Royal and Ancient Clubhouse. It has one of the most exclusive looks of any building I have ever seen.

IT TAKES COURAGE

I plucked up my courage and walked in. There stood the Hall Porter, a small man, but with an air that makes you think he's at least six feet tall. I wasn't quite sure whether I should get down on my knees and knock my brow three times on the floor or not. Hesitatingly, I explained that I was late for the exhibition.

"If you've come all the way across Scotland from Glasgow, to see it," declared Mr. Euston, "you must see it." And so saying, he darted off for a key and led the way across the hall into a room with a large notice saying "SILENCE."

I wondered if I shouldn't be taking my outdoor shoes off and putting on heelless slippers, but it seemed that this was an informal occasion. Mr. Euston led me past a table with newspapers and magazines spread out, and a chess board with the men already set for a game, and came to a hall outside a large red safe, which was flanked by two long, glass-covered bookcases. The bookcases were full of golf clubs and other objects d'art.

I had hardly had time to take this in when Mr. Euston cried, "This is what you want to see!" unlocked the safe, drew a bolt, and threw wide the doors. Electric light blazed down on the regalia of St. Andrews—clubs, cups, lift balls, medals and crosses, all shining in gold and silver. It was like a miniature edition of Aladdin's Cave.

Mr. Euston stood by with a look of modest elation on his face. I exclaimed in wonder:

Hal Newhouser May Be Put On Inactive List

St. Louis, Aug. 19. Hal Newhouser yearns for a chance "to get in there and pitch some more" but Detroit Tiger manager Red Rolfe said today he is considering putting the slinging left-hander on the inactive list.

A veteran of 13 seasons with the Tigers, Newhouser injured his arm on July 8 against Cleveland at Detroit. He has been practically inactive since and now has a season's record of six victories and six defeats. He last pitched on July 14 and lost.

Rolfe said somberly he is ready to put Newhouser on the inactive list because "it does not look like his arm is going to get better."—United Press.

Finally—A Tour Of Britain

Brighton, Aug. 19. French riders took the honours on the first stage of the first cycling tour of Britain today when over 50 competitors covered the initial stage between London and Brighton.

First into Brighton was Gabriel Audemar (France) in 3 hrs. 56 mins. 52 secs. followed by Edmond Pierre (France) in 3 hrs. 57 mins. 31 secs. and Alec Taylor (Independent, England), in 3 hrs. 58 mins. 11 secs.—Reuter.

Open Triples Final Postponed

The Colony Open Triples Lawn Bowls final between the Omar brothers and R. Bass, C. R. Rowlett and J. S. Landolt, fixed for yesterday, was postponed on account of the weather. The match will be played off on Sunday, Sept. 2, at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, starting at 4 p.m.

With the air of one who has said all this before but still enjoys its repetition, Mr. Euston took me on a tour of the trophies. There were two clubs covered with clusters of golf balls.

EVERY CAPTAIN ADDS ONE

"Every captain here," explained Mr. Euston, "must add a silver ball to the set, unless he is a member of the Royal Family, when it must be a gold ball. There are five gold balls there."

I saw the silver putter given by a member who bet another member that he'd outlive him. And there was a kangaroo's paw from the Australian Golf Club, and a silver boomerang from the Royal Australian Golf Club. I was invited to admire the Queen Victoria Jubilee Vase, which is really a racing trophy, given to the club by a chap who won it.

There was the Queen Adelaide Medal which is won by the captain of the club the moment he strikes the ball from the first tee. And the Calcutta cup—"Indian rupee" declared Mr. Euston, "took four years to make—over 100 Hindu gods and goddesses may be found upon it."

In sharp contrast to all this glitter was a broad red rather shabby-looking belt. "That was the Open Championship Belt," said Mr. Euston, "won by young Tom Morris in 1873, but the belt was in existence seven or eight years before that. They say the idea was taken from the Longside Belt." (British boxing trophy).

I felt it was a pity that men like Bobby Locke, Max Faulkner and John Pantor don't get belts to wear nowadays. He opened a bookcase or two and showed me some of the oldest golf clubs in the world. "Our clubs go back to the 12th century," he said, and I noticed that, as I stretched my hand out towards the club, he skillfully manipulated it out of my way. "This was the striking face," he said, "and this was the digging face."

BLINDED WITH SCIENCE

In no time at all he had me completely blinded with science. Mr. Euston has been blind Porter at the R. and A. Club since 1928. Golf just trips off his tongue.

"In France," he said, "they played jeu-de-mail, with clubs like croquet mallets and a wooden ball." And so on and so on. He took me over to the window and pointed across the bright green of the Old Course to an indentation in the coast. "The Dutch seamen," said Mr. Euston, "came in there at the Eden with cargoes of esparto grass. The nearest inn was where we are standing now. They had a long way to come, and they made a game of it."

"They brought from Holland their hedkolfin sticks, and they played a form of golf from the Eden to the inn. Then, when they were going back to their boats, they played the same game to the Eden. And that's how golf came to St. Andrews."

I gazed with awe upon the scene. Think of it—these old Dutchmen, centuries and centuries ago, playing their simple game across the links of St. Andrews from a river to a tavern. And now golf has fallen into the hands of the

Geoffrey Duke Wins Ulster Grand Prix

Belfast, Aug. 18.

Geoffrey Duke, the British motor cycling racer, today added the 500 c.c. world championship to the 350 c.c. title by winning the Ulster Grand Prix over the Clady circuit near Belfast today.

In heavy rain, he led throughout the 250 miles and won with an average speed of 55.12 miles an hour.

The Australian, Ken Kavanagh, in his first race as a member of the official Norton team, rode brilliantly to finish second, two and a half minutes behind.

In an exciting last lap, he beat the Italian, U. Mussetti, on a Gilera by 20 seconds.—Reuter.

business men, the astrologers, the pedants, the accountants, and fellows who would never think of going into a tavern. I thanked Mr. Euston warmly, and walked back to St. Andrews Station thinking deeply.

English Soccer Season Opens With Attendance Of Over A Million

London, Aug. 18.

England's football season opened today and with it the increased admittance charge of three-pence being added to the minimum turned up to give the season a rousing send-off.

Major surprises were the defeat of the champions, Tottenham. Hotspur and the victory of a weakened Chelsea team at Blackpool. Last season Chelsea avoided relegation on goal average.

On a day when goals were fairly plentiful, the Cup holders, Newcastle, stole the limelight by getting six against Stoke.

The honour of obtaining the first goal of the new campaign fell to Taylor of Huddersfield who broke through the Arsenal defence, famed for its strength, within two minutes of the start.

The quickest goal, however, was scored by Henley for Reading against Port Vale who scored in 30 seconds—a match which started 15 minutes later than the Arsenal game. A goal from Rodgers for Bristol City centre-half, had the misfortune to put through his own goal. This enabled Middlesbrough to equalise an earlier Tottenham score. Tottenham can perhaps take heart from the fact that they lost their opening match of last season but went on to win the championship. Middlesbrough must be well satisfied with the display of Neil Mochan whom they signed from Morton for £14,000 during the close season.

Without a doubt the most unexpected result was Chelsea's win at Blackpool. Their dismal display last season, the failure to sign on this season by two of their stars, Bentley and Harels, and the withdrawal from football of their left-half, Mitchell, did not suggest that Chelsea had much hope against the Cup finalists, but this most inconsistent team proved the experts wrong and Blackpool helped by missing a penalty—Alan Brown being the man to fail.

A missed penalty led to one of the day's most exciting games—at Derby. Derby led Sunderland at half-time by two goals to one despite stamps falling from the goal. Then, after the interval, both Morris equalised only for Ford to score a winner for Sunderland a minute from the end.

The promoted clubs Preston and Manchester City had every cause for satisfaction, Preston winning at Fulham and Manchester City holding the powerful Wolverhampton Wanderers to a draw although here again a missed penalty (Paul for Manchester) played a vital part.

SPLENDID START

Five goals against Aston Villa gave Bolton a splendid start while Portsmouth also accomplished a good performance at Liverpool though without three of their first team men.

During the game the father of Cummings, the Hearts' left-winger, collapsed in the stands and died.

Collo also recorded their first League Cup win, beating Morton in a close game. Both goals were scored in the second half by Evans who was married—on Friday, and Hiron, a Negro centre-forward from Detroit who was making his debut in Scottish football.

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SHE THROWS FOR BRITAIN



Suzanne Farmer, 16-year-old Brighton student, is a British international in the Discus Throw, in which event she holds the English record, and the Shot Put. —Express Photo.

ENGLAND WINS FINAL TEST BY FIVE WICKETS

London, Aug. 18.

England won the fifth and final Test against South Africa at Kennington Oval today and took the series by three matches to one, with one drawn, after an intensely exciting day's cricket.

England, left to get 163 for a victory in their second innings, scored 164 for six to win by four wickets. Earlier they had dismissed South Africa for 154. In their first innings South Africa made 202, England replying with 194.

Len Hutton (27) and Frank Lawton (37) gave England a good start before both were out with the score at 83. Hutton given out "obstructed field," the first instance of such a decision in a Test match.

Four wickets were down for 90, and in mounting excitement, Freddie Brown, England's captain, and Willie Watson (15) took the score to 132, when Watson fell. Brown, hitting bravely and surviving many narrow escapes, had made 40 when he was out leg-before.

With Jim Laker and Derek Shackleton together 12 were needed, and these were hit off without further loss. It was fitting that Laker should make the winning hit, for he had played the major part in dismissing South Africa in the second innings for the addition of 88 runs to their overnight score of 68 for three. He claimed six wickets in the innings for 58 runs, and a total of 10 for 110 in the match.

Eric Rowan was again top-scorer for South Africa with 45, scored in two hours. No other batsman reached 20.

Scores: South Africa—1st innings 202, England, 1st innings 194, South Africa, 2nd innings 134, England, 2nd innings 164.

Hutton, "obstructed field" 27, Lawton, c. Van Ryneveld, b. A. Rowan 37, May, c. Eric Rowan, b. A. Rowan 30, Compson, c. Van Ryneveld, b. Chubb 18, Watson, c. Eric Rowan, b. Chubb 15, Brown, l.b.w. b. Chubb 40, Laker, not out 13, Shackleton, not out 9, Extras 9.

Total (for six wks) 104

Bowling	O.	M.	R.	W.
McCarthy	7	0	17	0
Melle	24	1	2	0
A. Rowan	21	2	77	2
Chubb	28	6	53	3

—Reuter.

HUTTON EXPLAINS

London, Aug. 18. Len Hutton said, after the fifth Test match at The Oval today that he was not trying to put the wicket-keeper off when he was given out for obstructing the field in England's second innings.

Giving his version of the incident he said, "I tried to sweep the ball to leg but the ball struck me on the top of the left glove and ran up my arm. The next thing I saw in front of my eyes and I thought that the ball might fall on my wicket, so I tried to brush it away with the back of my bat. I was not trying to put the wicket-keeper off, but, of course, I must accept the umpire's decision."

Hutton was quite entitled to hit the ball a second time to ward his wicket, but his action was construed as a wilful attempt to obstruct the field. It was learned afterwards that Umpire Dai Davies gave Hutton out on appeal. Umpire Frank Chester said that he would have given the same decision.—Reuter.

Also batted in one match—Shackleton 14 runs, Graventy 15 runs and Hutton nine runs not out.

The following are the averages of the Test cricket series between England and South Africa:

Batting	Matches	Inns.	N.O.	Runs	Highest	Av.
P. B. H. May	5	9	0	371	128	57.9
Len Hutton	5	9	2	378	100	64.0
Dennis Compton	4	8	1	312	117	52.0
Reg Simpson	4	8	0	109	55	36.25
Trevor Bailey	2	4	0	109	55	36.25
Willie Watson	2	4	0	39	18	11.25
John Edman	2	4	0	39	18	11.25
John Laker	3	6	1	140	41	29.00
Jim Laker	3	6	0	100	30	22.00
Watson, c. Eric Rowan	3	6	0	83	30	17.00
Freddie Brown	2	4	0	122	43	17.43
D. Brown	2	4	0	16	8	4.00
Roy Tattersall	2	4	0	7	4	1.75
Godfrey Evans	2	4	0	7	4	1.75
Brian Statham	2	4	0	7	4	1.75
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The following four three-figure innings were played for England—Dennis Compton 112 runs at Nottingham in the first Test; Len Hutton 100 runs at Leeds in the fourth Test; Peter May 158 runs at Leeds; Simpson 127 runs at Nottingham.

The South African figures were:

Batting	Matches	Inns.	N.O.	Runs	Highest	Av.
Eric Rowan	5	10	1	615	208	57.22
Dudley Nourse	5	10	0	301	108	30.10
Percy Mannell	5	10	0	28	90	32.80
Roy McLaren	5	10	0	98	37	27.20
George Fuller	5	10	0	149	51	29.80
Jack Chesham	5	10	0	217	83	24.11
John Wills	5	10	0	102	40	20.40
Abdul Rowan	5	10	0	80	40	16.00
Jackie MacLennan	5	10	0	30	15	10.16
Geoff Chubb	5	10	0	30	15	10.16
Norman Mann	5	10	0	13	5	4.33
Cuan McCullagh	5	10	0	13	5	4.33
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Hongkong, 17th Aug., 1951.

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Reds Said To Be Exporting Drugs

London, Aug. 19.

Big-scale drug smuggling in Europe is not just a game of cops and robbers any more—politics has become an important part of the immoral traffic.

At opposite ends of the world where Communist East meets democratic West there are reports that the Reds are exporting drugs.

While the reliability of these reports is difficult to assess, it is known that plans are being made for production of narcotics in Eastern Europe and sizable amounts of drugs for legal, medicinal purposes are shipped from some Communist States.

Also, bulk supplies of opium became available to the Reds when the Communists took over the Chinese Government. Backing this up, the United Nations permanent Central Opium Board in Geneva reported last year that the Chinese Communist Government offered 700 tons of raw opium for sale in Hongkong.

The Board's report said this was "a matter of concern" and noted without comment that production of opium has been illegal in China since 1934.

In Vienna, occupied by the Russians and Western powers, Austrian police say the Communist States are shipping narcotics to the West as a source of dollar income.

That dollar income could be used for propaganda, propping up sagging resources of Red parties in the West—or even payment for spies.

The police are powerless to stop or even inspect shipments.

But Police and Customs men, co-operating with special agents of the U.S. Government, are paying increasing attention to intercepting shipments in transit to the United States.

In Turkey, one of the major transit points by air and sea, agents of the U.S. Treasury Department are active on the spot, working closely with local authorities.

Officials dealing with the problem differ on whether one major gang is responsible for the illegal traffic. American officials often have claimed that Charles "Lucky" Luciano, deported American vice-czar, heads a worldwide narcotic syndicate but Italian police never have been able to pin anything on him.

In Western European countries, rigid police inspection of drug producers and dispensers, plus a close watch on ships entering their ports, keeps illegal drug traffic to a minimum.

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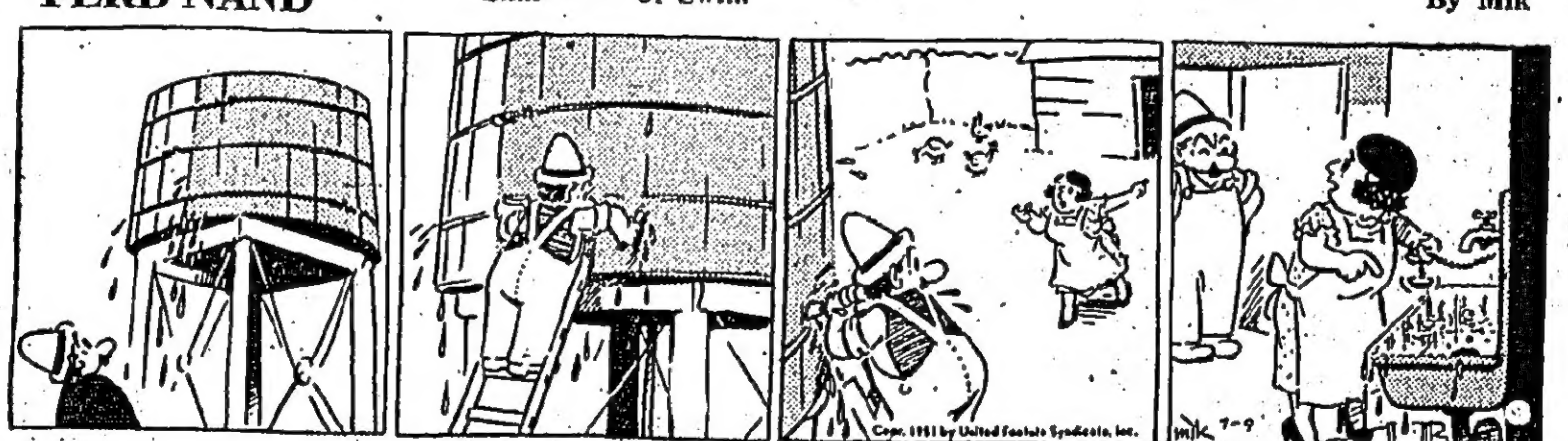
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Venice, Aug. 19.
The twelfth edition of Venice's annual film festival opens here tomorrow night with both giants and dwarfs of the film world competing for the coveted honour of having one of their pictures adjudged the best of the year.

Giants such as the United States, Britain, France and Italy are being challenged by dwarfs like the Philippines and Israel.

Unknown quantities abound while two films being given their world premieres at the festival have provoked the most excited discussion.

These are Orson Welles' "Othello" and Elio Kazan's adaptation of Tennessee Williams' "Streetcar Named Desire".

Orson Welles has been working on "Othello" for over a year and the critics are intensely interested to see how he treats Shakespeare's unfortunate hero.

Hollywood's Elio Kazan won a second prize at last year's festival with "Panic in the Streets"—Routier.

Jews' Position In Germany

Berlin, Aug. 19.
The Central Council of Jews in Germany today opened a two-day conference here to discuss the situation of the Jewish community in Germany.

Chief Rabbi Dr. Leo Baeck of London told the United Press he hoped that a "good group of West German" politicians who "valued the civil road on which Germany started many years before Hitler will gain influence in Germany."

He did not think that the Jews of German people were anti-Semitic, but had been misled by false philosophy members of the West. Berlin Daily Government and Press said: "The Central Council of Jews on Sunday (yesterday) opened a two-day conference here to discuss the situation of the Jewish community in Germany."

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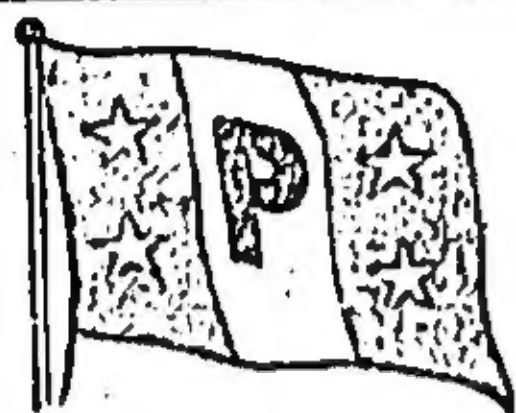
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Wall Street Gets New Lease Of Life

New York, Aug. 19.

With renewed vigour, the stock market last week again started punching its way toward 1951 peak price levels.

The rise was hampered by the railroads. Buyers were reluctant to step forward while railroad officials were expressing their keen disappointment over the smallness of the recent freight rate increase, and while freight business itself was falling off.

There was still that Wall Street belief, held by one segment of the financial community, that the bull market is weakened by the lack of vigorous support. Nevertheless, progress was made.

The Associated Press average of 60 stocks advanced 70 cents on the week and stood at \$90.00 cents at Friday's close. That is only 90 cents away from the 1951 peak.

The industrial component advanced a strong \$1.70 but the railroad component moved contrary to the demand and lost 30 cents.

Since the low point of this year, June 20, the market advanced five straight weeks, fell back, and then resumed the climb last week.

The rise of American Telephone last week by 4-3/8 to 102-1/4, excited unusual interest. It made a new 1951 high on Friday and was the 11th most active issue, and the eyes of its more than a million stockholders followed the advance.

The 32,105,104 shares of common stock outstanding added \$140,722,502 to their value. Wall Street reports that investment banks

Rubber Futures In Spore

Singapore, Aug. 18.

Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:—

Number 1 rubber, per lb.	141-141 1/2
August	137-137 1/2
September	137-137 1/2
October	137-137 1/2
Number 2 rubber, August	136-136 1/2
Number 3 rubber, August	135-135 1/2
Number 4 rubber, August	134-134 1/2
Black crepe, unbleached	130-130 1/2
Black crepe, bleached	128-128 1/2
No. 1 pale crepe	127-127 1/2

BRITAIN'S FOREIGN TRADE

Slight Improvement Recorded In July

New Policy Suggested For Closing The "Gap"

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Aug. 19.

Provisional figures published this week show that Britain's overseas trade position improved slightly last month. With imports virtually unchanged at £358.9 million the trade "gap" was some £20 million smaller than in the previous months, when it reached the record figure of £148.9 million.

The improvement, therefore, was almost entirely due to the increase in exports to £222 million.

It is too early yet to draw any definite conclusions from these figures. The rise in the value of exports is encouraging but it is not yet clear whether this was due to the rise in volume or in the price of our exports—or both.

On the import side there is as yet no indication that we are getting the benefit of the decline in raw material prices earlier this year. All that can be said with any certainty at this stage is that our import bill is still alarmingly high.

Britain's adverse balance of trade—the excess of imports over exports—amounted to £280 million in the first seven months of this year—an annual rate of about £1,100 million. When adjustments are made for the proportion of the import bill usually paid to British companies in the form of freight and insurance charges etc., and deductions made for the estimated value of invisible exports, this indicates a payments deficit at annual rate of about £350 million compared with a surplus of £229 million last year.

There are various ways in which this deficit could be scaled down even if it is now too late to eliminate altogether. One way—the way the Government has in fact chosen—is to export manufacturers to step up their exports and at the same time to exercise strict control over the volume of our imports. But it is extremely doubtful whether exports could be increased to the full extent necessary to close the trade "gap" without depriving the defence industries of scarce materials and manpower.

Some further measures are therefore required to improve the terms of trade, and inhibit exports which compete with the armament programme.

TAX ON EXPORTS

Such a policy has now been suggested by an independent research organisation known as Political and Economic Planning, which reports that "current economic problems have earned widespread acclaim."

In its latest report, P.E.P. says one way in which the Government could achieve the dual aim of improving the terms of trade and inhibiting exports which compete with the defence programme would be by imposing a selective tax on exports.

It argues that "in theory such a tax could discriminate not only between products so as to drive out of the foreign markets the products of industries which are needed for armament production at home, while merely assuring that other industries charge prices high enough to earn the greatest possible amount of foreign exchange, but also between countries of destination so as to limit exports bringing in less desired currencies in order to leave more goods for hard currency markets."

But P.E.P. admits that in practice discrimination between countries would probably be incompatible with Britain's existing undertakings and would be likely to arouse the strongest opposition, particularly from the United States.

The argument in official quarters against export taxes is that the result would be unfavourable on balance since taxes would provoke retaliation. P.E.P. argues, on the other hand, that the producers of Britain's imports are already charging the highest prices the market will bear. But they admit that it is not beneficial to gain an immediate advantage at the cost of increasing uncertainties of international trade.

WORTH CONSIDERATION

It points out, however, that an export tax avoids the danger associated with an improvement in the terms of trade—an increase in the prices charged by exporters. If higher export prices led to an increase in export prices, which might be difficult or impossible to reduce in future, then in less favourable conditions it would tend to weaken the foreign position of Sterling. Taxes on exports, on the other hand, could be reduced or removed whenever it seemed desirable to do so. As a short-term solution this proposal has certain attractions.

or, as P.E.P. puts it, "the idea seems worth serious consideration."

P.E.P. points out that such a tax could be made to improve the terms of trade without allowing more of the gains than appears desirable to be absorbed by consumption and at the same time to prevent the attractiveness of the export markets from diverting resources from the armament programme.

But is that all it would do?

A long-term problem requires something more than a short-term solution. The balance of payments problem is not something that can be blamed entirely on the war in Korea, world rearmament programmes and high import prices, though of course these things have contributed to it.

ESSENTIAL AIMS

It was a problem long before these things happened, even though we managed to disguise it last year by running down our stocks of raw materials to a dangerously low level. Even if import prices dropped tomorrow to their pre-Korea level and the need to rearm was suddenly removed we should still be a long way from achieving our declared economic aims—which are to restore Sterling to full convertibility, and, with the help of our Sterling Area partners, to achieve a permanent balance in our trade with dollar countries.

Until these two aims are achieved, we cannot honestly claim to have resolved our economic difficulties.

Not only should we do everything in our power to progress towards convertibility and a satisfactory balance of trade under normal conditions; we should also reject any measure that might prejudice our ability to do so. Tax on exports might seem to be an easy way to force up our export prices to some countries while discouraging exports altogether to others but it would be fatal if such a move resulted in a loss of markets to our competitors—Germany and Japan, for instance.

STOCK EXCHANGE

Main item of interest in the past week's news from the Stock Exchange, is the fact that industrial ordinary share prices, as shown by the Financial Times index, now stand higher than they did immediately before Mr. Gaitskell's announcement of dividend control.

This recovery is not as remarkable as it may appear. Since the announcement of the new policy, people who cannot bear to see money standing idle. They have decided, therefore, that in the absence of other profitable channels of investment they can do no better than hold on, and this is what they have in fact done.

The news from Persia that Mr. Stokes' proposals may be turned down cause some nervousness in the markets towards the end of the week, and this was reflected in some falls in the oil shares market, but selling was negligible.

The announcement that Russia intended to take part in the San Francisco Peace Conference led to some sharp falls in Japanese bonds but these were mostly recovered later in the week when President Truman made it clear that the United States would brook no interference with the terms of the peace treaty.

Other news affecting the markets was the announcement of higher prices for steel, followed a little later by the decision to return to the wartime system of allocation for steel supplies.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

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31st Aug.	"TJWANG"	Macassar, Java Ports & Singapore
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3rd Sept.	"TJWANG"	Singapore, Java Ports & Macassar
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